



The Baptism of the Lord

January 2025

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.

You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."

(Gospel passage taken from Good News Translation® and used with permission)



We hear about how John the Baptist was baptising people with water. Can you remember what he says?

He says that someone is coming who is more powerful than he is. Who do you think that person is?

John says he is not good enough to untie the strap of Jesus' sandals. What do you think John means by this?

John does not feel that he is important enough to help Jesus. But, Jesus asks to be baptised by John. What do you think this shows us about Jesus?

All of us are important in our own special way, and we are all important enough to serve Jesus. Jesus welcomes us all and sees that we all have special gifts and talents to share.

What happens after Jesus is baptised?

Jesus prays, and while he is praying, the Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. Then a voice comes from heaven. Whose voice do you think this is? What does God say? ("You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you")

Jesus is the Son of God and he is filled with the Holy Spirit. We are all God's children and we are also filled with the Holy Spirit at our baptism.

What difference do you think being filled with the Holy Spirit makes?

The Holy Spirit can help to make us brave and to bring us joy. Just as we can tell that a tree is good because of the fruit that grows on it, we can tell if the Holy Spirit is working in us by the way that we act and how we treat other people.

For instance, we can share what we have with others who do not have enough. We can be kind to others. We can try to make our world a fairer and better place for all people to live in.

Some fruits of the Spirit are love, peace, kindness and generosity. How do you think you can be kind, loving and generous to others? How can you bring peace?

We are all God's children no matter where in the world we live, no matter where we come from or what we look like, whether we are rich or poor. We are all members of the same global family. And so we try to be loving, kind, generous and bring peace to all people. In this way, we hope that others will be able to see the fruits of the Holy Spirit and our baptism in all that we do.

How will you show the Holy Spirit working in you in this coming week?

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



You may find the
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

**Jesus unrolled the scroll and
read
Luke 4:14-22a**

**Bible Reading,
Painting by Eduard Karl Gustav Lebrecht
Pistorius (1796-1862),
Painted in 1831,
Oil on canvas
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We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!



Traditional: '[Father I Adore You](#)' by Terrye Coelho

Traditional: '[Come to the water \(Let all who thirst\)](#)' by John B Foley SJ

Contemporary: '[Hands to the Heavens](#)' by Kari Jobe

Contemporary: '[I Am Your Beloved](#)' by Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

Ten:Ten
Resources

Username: st-michaels-tw15

Password: thames-orange

Parent Portal:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?

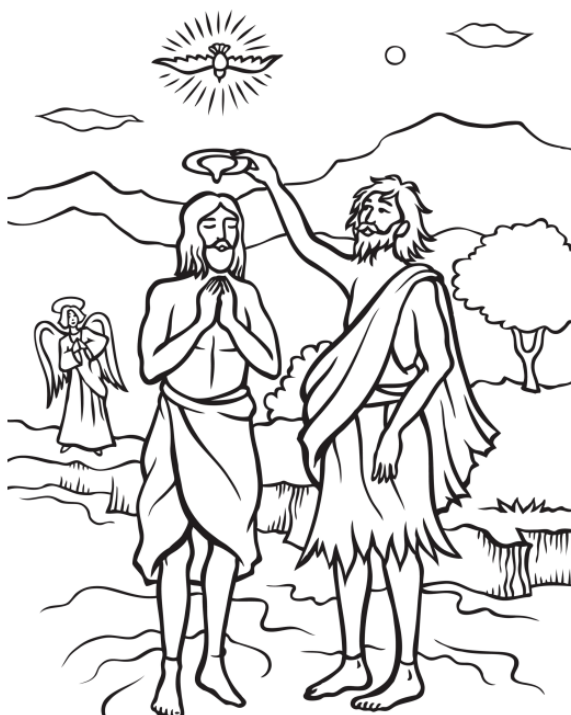
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CARE FOR CREATION THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND PARTICIPATION**



This week's Gospel activity sheet from [CAFOD](#):

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- January 2025 Calendar -		
1	Wed	Mary Mother of God
2	Thu	Saints Basil & Gregory
3	Fri	Most Holy Name of Jesus
4	Sat	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
5	Sun	Saint John Neumann, bishop
6	Mon	Epiphany
7	Tue	Blessed Angela of Foligno
8	Wed	Saint Thorfinn
9	Thu	Saint Adrian of Canterbury
10	Fri	Servant of God Vico Necchi
11	Sat	Blessed William Carter
12	Sun	Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
13	Mon	Saint Hilary of Poitiers
14	Tue	Saint Felix of Nola
15	Wed	Saint Paul the Hermit
16	Thu	Saint Berard and Companions
17	Fri	Saint Anthony of Egypt
18	Sat	Saint Charles of Sezze
19	Sun	Saint Fillan
20	Mon	Saint Fabian
21	Tue	Saint Agnes
22	Wed	Saint Vincent
23	Thu	Saint Marianne Cope
24	Fri	Saint Francis de Sales
25	Sat	Conversion of Saint Paul
26	Sun	Saints Timothy and Titus
27	Mon	Saint Angela Merici
28	Tue	Saint Thomas Aquinas
29	Wed	Saints Sarbelius & Barbea
30	Thu	Saint Hyacintha of Mariscotti
31	Fri	Saint John Bosco