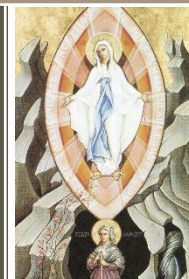


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Sunday, January 10, 2021 ~ Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

Kids@Mass



***"Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near." Isaiah 55***

Hello Parents!

We hope that you all had a beautiful and peaceful Christmas. And that the holidays found you and your families in good health and safety.

As we begin the new year we want to continue with a look at

an essay by John Roberto, entitled "Nurturing the Christian Life: The Essential Role of Parents", which draws on major research studies, and the four findings that were highlighted.

Today we look at the second::

We often think that the church is the primary place on which people's religious faith depends. But studies have shown that "the primary responsibility for passing on religious faith and practice to children rests with parents, churches are secondary and primarily serve to provide support."

The best and most "effective way to raise children to understand and carry on their family's religion (or perhaps return to it someday after a period of

disaffection) is for parents simply to practice their own personal religious faith."

Your faith as parents, is so important to your children's relationship with the Lord. And for all you are, we give thanks to God. If there is any way that we, as a church can support you, please email us: info@lourdes.to

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This Week's Gospel >>>

***"You are my son, the beloved:
with you I am well pleased"***

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit descends on him. This marks the start of the ministry of Jesus.



1. The Primary way by which Catholic identity becomes rooted in children's lives are the day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities.

Sharing God's Word >>>

Let's start with a Prayer
– make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father
And of the Son
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Some things to think about before we read the Gospel.

Hello Friends, and welcome back to our Kids' mass. Although we are living in very unusual times, I hope that you all had a great Chrismtas and New Year and were able to spend some good times with your family.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. You may not know this, but this Feast marks the end of the celebration of Christmas!

Do you remember when you were baptized? Do you remember what you wore? What the weather was like? Who was present at the celebration? I know I don't remember mine. The truth is most of us were baptized at babies. So we only know about our baptism from the stories our families tell or from pictures.

Do you know what happens at a baptism? Well, on the day you were baptized, your mom and dad and your god—parents brought you to the church.

They made promises on your behalf to help you grow up loving God, to following Jesus and leading a Christian life by following God's rules.

Then the priest, who welcomed you into the church, poured water on your head three times, baptizing you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The water is a sign of being born again with Jesus through water and the Holy Spirit.

When we think of water, we think of how important it is. It keeps us refreshed and alive and we need it to keep ourselves clean. The water in baptism is a sign of God's love for us, keeping us alive and refreshed and washing away the original sin of Adam and Eve.

Then the priest anointed you with a very special holy oil that is called the "Chrism", as a sign that God's Holy Spirit has come to live deep inside your heart, and making you a member of

God's family, who shares in eternal life.

In today's gospel, we hear about the baptism of Jesus. It's a little different from our own stories of baptism because Jesus was already grown up.

Jesus was baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit for his work of teaching and healing which was about to begin, and so that everyone would know that he was the son of God. By his baptism, Jesus showed the people a way to begin again so that they could grow in goodness.

Alright friends, let's get ready to listen and learn with our eyes, ears and hearts wide open!

You will find this week's readings at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQHlmGwKspg>

Gospel Reflection & Activity:

Hi again friends, good job on being attentive to today's readings!
Let's see what we learned from our gospel today:

Jesus came to the river to get baptized and John the Baptist was surprised.

Why do you think John did not want to baptize Jesus at first?

Well Jesus is the Son of God sent to save the world. So John felt it should be the other way around. He didn't feel like he was good enough to baptize Jesus.

But Jesus explained it was part of God's plan so John baptised him.

What happened when Jesus stood up in the water?

The Holy Spirit came down like a dove and stood over Jesus.

Then we heard a voice, whose voice was it?

Yes that's right. God spoke and said this is my Son whom I love very much.

Now, Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and was ready to begin his ministry to preach his Gospel of love and forgiveness to the people.

When we were baptized we also received the Holy Spirit and were given the mission to share Jesus and his message of love and forgiveness to the whole world.

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent, loves the child. (1John 5:1)



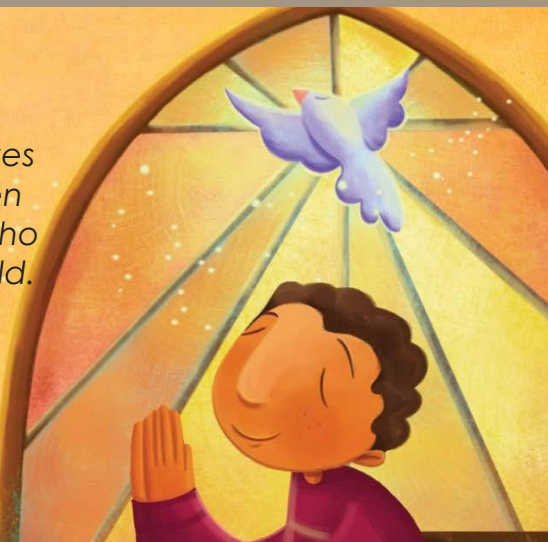
Praying together to Our Father

Let's now pray together
a very special prayer
that Jesus taught us,
Our Father.

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in
Heaven.

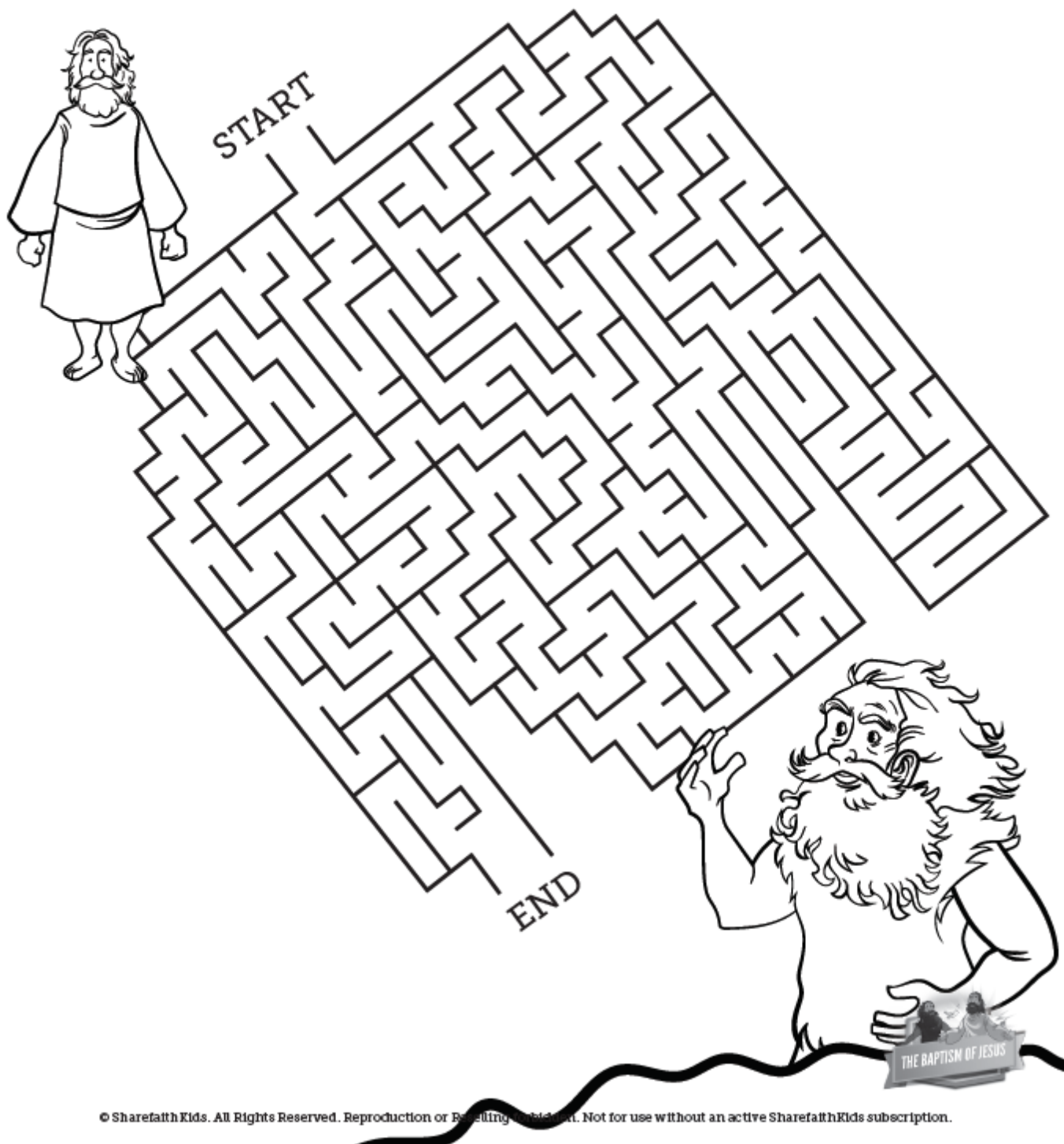
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our
trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen!



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Help Jesus get baptized by John.



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

ANSWER KEY



Coming Soon >>>

Here's what's happening at Lourdes during the next month:

- **Sunday, January 17:** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Livestream of kids@Mass <https://lourdes.to/kids/>
- **Sunday, January 24:** **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Issue 8 of the Family Pack
- **Sunday, January 31:** **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Livestream of kids@Mass <https://lourdes.to/kids/>

See you next week for our next Kids@Mass episode at <https://lourdes.to/kids/>