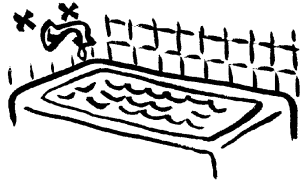


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Water everywhere

We use water all the time for many things.

Find pictures of three things that could use water.
Draw a line to the kind of water they need.



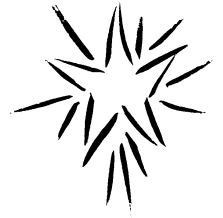
Talk about the water of baptism, the water that gives us new life, washes away our sins, and splashes us with the good news that we are God's children.

This week

Look at pictures from baptisms in your family and tell baptism stories.

Kids Celebrate

Baptism of Our Lord

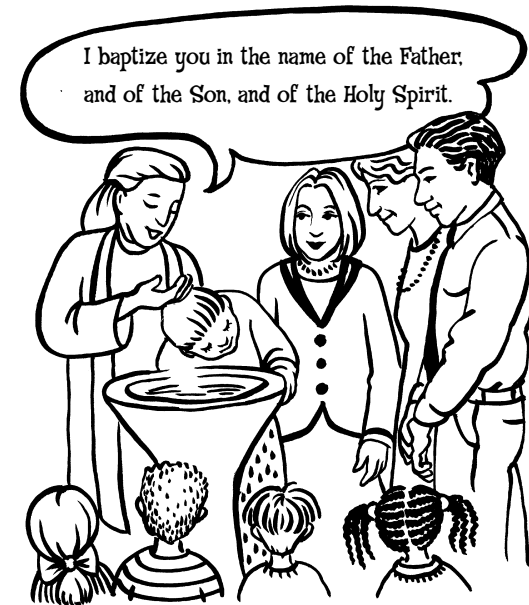


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Welcome to worship.

Epiphany days are a time for seeing in a new way. Baptism is our time to begin a new life: one that is connected to Jesus. In baptism we are claimed as God's children and marked with the cross of Christ.

Trace the baptismal font and add water drops to the picture.



Are there baptisms during worship today? Write the names of those being baptized. Keep them in your prayers this week.

Jesus' baptism

Matthew 3:13-17

Imagine being there with John and Jesus at the water.

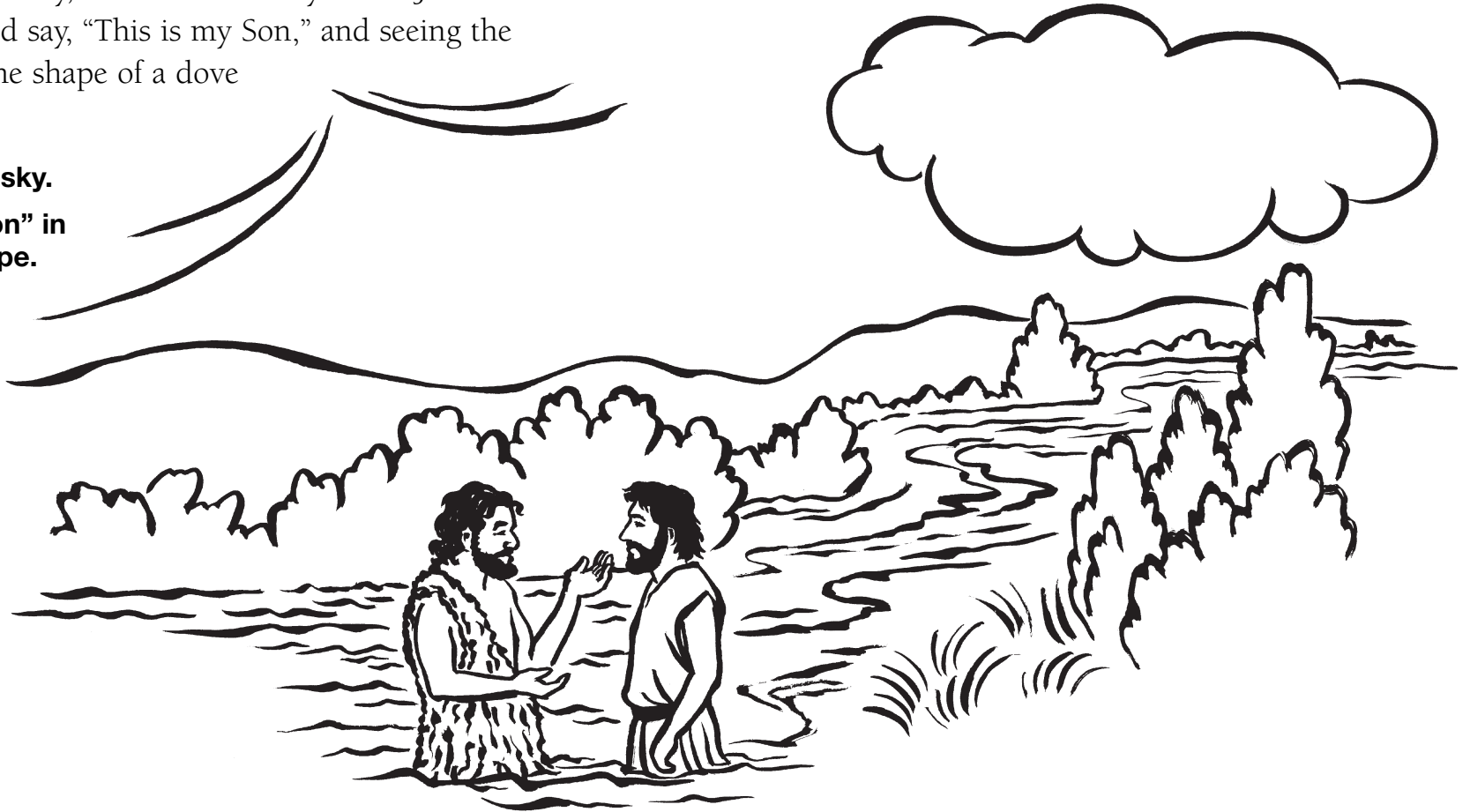
Here's another "epiphany," another new way to see Jesus.

Imagine hearing God say, "This is my Son," and seeing the sky open to show the shape of a dove coming to Jesus.

Draw a dove in the sky.

Print "This is my Son" in the puffy cloud shape.

Draw a triangle connecting God's words, the dove, and Jesus.



*Dear God, we celebrate being a part of your family.
Thank you for your everlasting love. Amen*

The triangle is a symbol for the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Listen for that three-part name for God in worship, especially during baptisms.