



# Growing FAITH at home

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## BAPTISM OF JESUS



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### CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What happens at a baptism?
2. How do you feel about your baptism? What does it mean to you?



### BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

**Isaiah 42:1-9**  
The servant of the Lord

2nd reading

**Acts 10:34-43**  
Good news of peace through Jesus

Gospel reading

**Matthew 3:13-17**  
The baptism of Jesus

### DISCUSS

What took place at Jesus' baptism?  
How do you think he felt?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Pray a special baptismal prayer for one another. Using a bowl of water, each person dips a finger in the water and makes the sign of the cross on another's forehead. Say these words to one another in turn, *"Remember and be thankful – you are a baptised child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever."*



### PRAYER

Father God, thank you for your promise through baptism that we are part of your family and that you love us. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.



### BLESSING

May the Spirit make you strong and bless you with peace.

A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAID,  
"THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE;  
WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED."

MATTHEW 3:17

VERSE OF THE WEEK

