



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - II Sunday of Ordinary Time

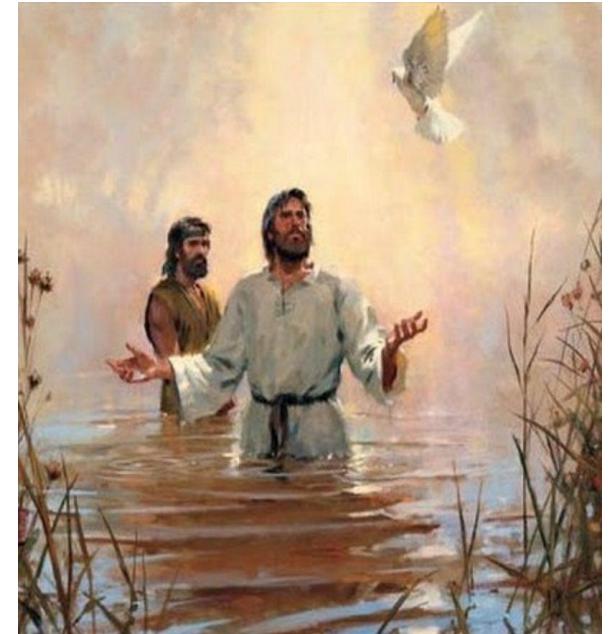
Isaiah 49, 3. 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1, 1-3; John 1, 29-34

Behold the Lamb of God

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. 'Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Reflection

John the Baptist proclaimed, "This is the Lamb of God." Why does He say this? (The Jewish people offered animal sacrifices to God to obtain forgiveness for their sins. God taught that sin was so awful in His eyes, that they must sacrifice an innocent animal to obtain forgiveness from Him. God sent Jesus, His only Son, to be the perfect sacrifice, dying on the cross to obtain forgiveness for Original Sin, the sin of Adam and Eve, and for all our sins. They no longer had to sacrifice animals!) **How does God give us forgiveness for our sins?** (Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.) **John also says that a man is coming after him who ranks ahead of him because he existed before him. We know that John was born before Jesus, so why did he say this?** (John knows that Jesus is God, who always existed.) **Why does John say he baptizes with water?** (To recognize the Savior, they must stop sinning and turn to God. John's baptism symbolizes a cleansing; a conversion or change to holiness.) **When Jesus approaches John, how does he know Jesus is the Savior?** (He saw the Holy Spirit descend in the form of a dove and remain upon Him.) **How is the baptism of Jesus different from John's.** (Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit which has the power to forgive our sins.) **What happens when we are baptized?** (The stain of Original Sin, the sin of Adam and Eve, is erased from our soul; we become a part of God's family; we receive Jesus' mission for the world; and we receive the Holy Spirit.) **What is Jesus' mission and our mission?** (Proclaim the Good News of God's love.)



Activity

On the following page, Match the paragraph with the correct picture. Decorate the candle and fill in the information so you remember to celebrate this special day every year. Ask the children to share what they know about their Baptism. On the last page, make the craft of the Lamb of God.

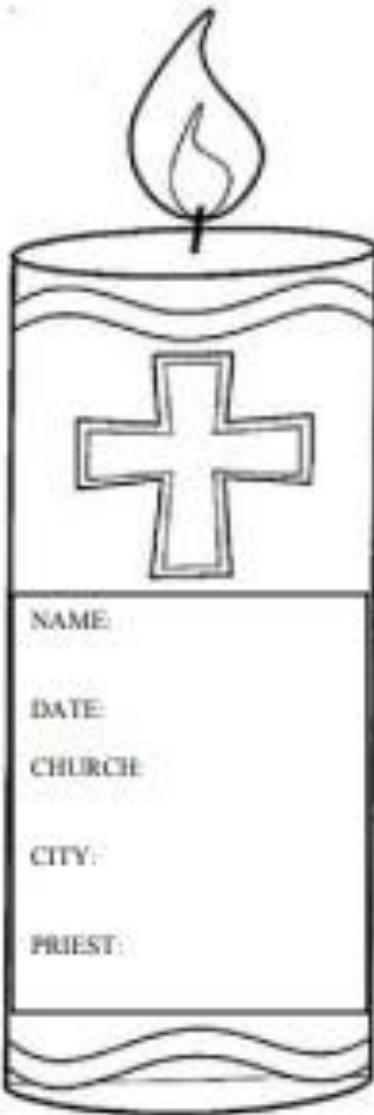
Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for coming to save us and for your great love for us. Help us to follow you as you always followed your Father. Give us a heart attentive to you so we may construct a better world of love and be a strong light for others. Amen

Song: I have decided to follow Jesus, Lifetree Kids, <https://youtu.be/sEL0WpeH088>

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1B_RIDSFqS1LFrTwD69jGzoW5tdhtEbmD/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true

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My Baptism Candle

Decorate the Candle on this page. Write your name, the date of your Baptism, the church in which you were baptized, and the city. Cut out your candle. Put it in a special place at home where it will remind at home that you belong to the Christian community.

By _____

BAPTISM

You became a member of God's family when you were baptized. You received a candle on that day. The priest called you a child of the light.

Write the paragraph number next to the picture it describes.

1. Your family brought you to the church. You become a member of God's family at your baptism.

2. The celebrant called you by name. He said, "

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

3. While he said this, the celebrant poured water over your head three times. Water is a sign of your new life in God's family.

4. The celebrant drew a cross on your forehead with oil. The oil is a sign that you are chosen by God.

5. The celebrant gave you a white garment. It is a sign that you belong to God's family.

6. A candle was lit for you. The candle is a sign of God's love that shines through you.



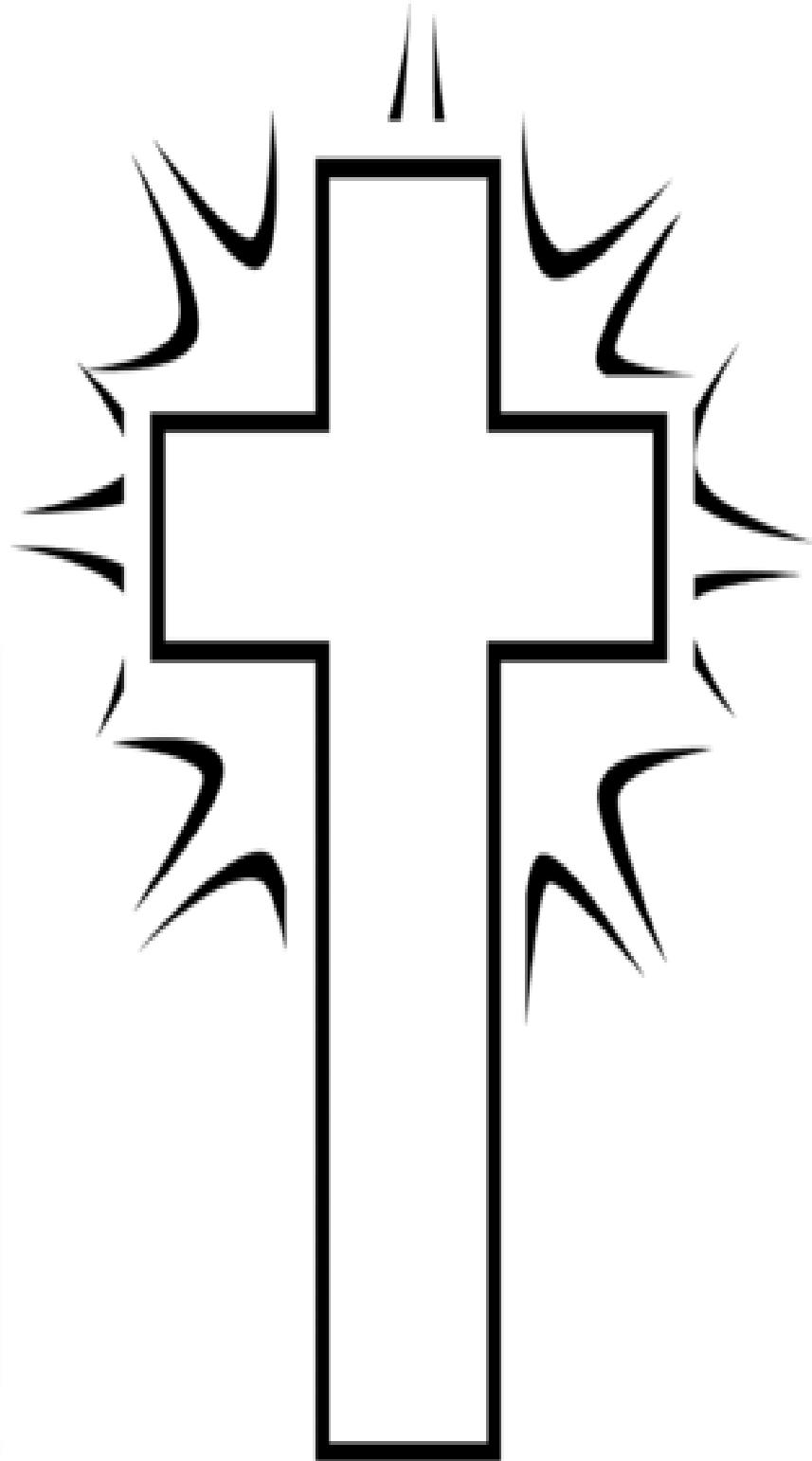
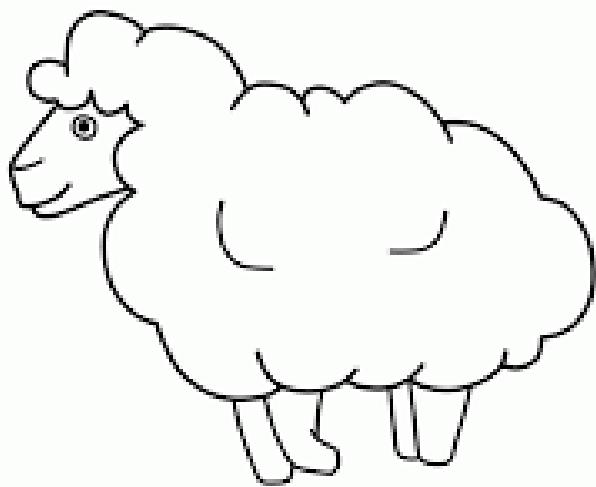


"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World." John 1:29

Instructions

Cut and color. Glue the cross to poster paper cut to the same size. Glue the lamb to the cross.

Glue pieces of cotton to the lamb. Glue the words to the back the long way.



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