



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle C - I Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 42, 1-4.6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10, 34-38; Luke 3, 15-16, 21-22

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection

Imagine the scene: the light, the voice, the dove. Whose voice is speaking? (God the Father's) **Who does the dove represent?** (God the Holy Spirit) **Together with Jesus, God the Son, who was present?** (The Holy Trinity) **God's voice says that He is His beloved Son. How must they have felt hearing this?** Share. **St. John differentiates between his baptism and the baptism Jesus would do. How are they different?** (St. John's baptizes with water. His baptism is only symbolic of repentance and conversion. It has no spiritual power. But Jesus baptizes with fire: He forgives our sins; makes us part of God's family; and gives us the Holy Spirit. It has spiritual power.) **Why did Jesus accept being baptized even though he did not have any sins?** (He wanted to be an example of doing God's will. God wants everyone to be baptized. Also, Jesus was accepting our sins as His own. His mission was to pay for our sins with His cross, death, and resurrection.) **What happens when we are baptized?** (God erases from our heart original sin, the sin of Adam and Eve which we are born with and gifts us the Holy Spirit. We also become part of God's family and receive Jesus' mission for the world. **What is Jesus' mission and our mission?** (To listen to, obey, and love God and our parents; to take that love to everyone so they too may love God.)



Activity

On the following page, complete the word search on the Baptism of Jesus. As children, a mission that God gives us through the 10 Commandments is to honor our parents. Share how we can love and honor them better. On the last page, see instructions to make a card for your parents. Write 3 ways you will try to be a better son/daughter. You can use words like: respect, obey, love, forgive, help, be grateful...

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You came to make us part of your family and you freed us from sin and death. Help us to take your message of love to all our family and friends. Amen.

Song: When I am Baptized, Daphne Allen (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/RCTPeEAFBbo>, (3-7 yrs.)
All that is Good, Lifetree Kids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/bV5usNv4WEo> (8+ yrs.)

PPT: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IENkxh-haYeqaBXNSwd7UTm3knZIN0qg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtfpof=true&sd=true>



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Make a card for your parents: color and cut drawings. Glue picture of the Holy Family to a colored construction paper (8.5x5.5"). Then glue the 3 ways you will try to be a better son/daughter on the back. You can use words like: respect, obey, love, forgive, help, be grateful...



Jesus, help me to be a child like you.

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