



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B-I Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10, 34-38; Mark 1, 7-11

Baptism of the Lord

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection

John the Baptist claimed that his baptism is of water. What does he mean? (It is symbolic. It has no power.) **He says there is another that will baptize with the Holy Spirit. How do we see Jesus power?** (the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens saying...) **What happens in us when we are baptized?** (The stain of original sin is erased in our soul, the sin of Adam and Eve; we receive the Holy Spirit; we join the family of God, the Church; we receive Jesus' mission on earth.) **What is Jesus' mission and our mission?** (To be instruments of God's love.) **How can we be instruments of God's love?** Compartir. (Console someone who is alone or sick with a call or a card...)

Activity

On the following page talk about the symbols of Baptism. Invite the children to talk about their Baptism. Do they know their Godparents? Act out a Baptism explaining the steps. On the other page, make a Paschal candle following the instructions.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you came to form a part of our family. You freed us from sin and death. Help us to be true prophets taking your message of love to all our friends and family. Amen.

Song: This Little Light of Mine, Lifetree Kids, (Ctrl Click), <https://youtu.be/ty9bZXN4uWA>

PPT: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15C1aGrtyBRgog9oCEfXV2-VoaC2ifgAj/view?usp=sharing>





Water



Oil



Cross

White Garment



Candle



Through Baptism we are freed from sin and become part of God's family.

Symbols

- Water:** God cleanses our soul of Original Sin.
Oil: God sends the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us.
Cross: The sign of the cross marks with the imprint of Christ and signifies the grace of the redemption Christ won for us by his cross.
White Garment: Person is purified and "puts on Christ".
Candle: God enlightens the baptized who becomes light for others.
Words: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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PASCHAL CANDLE

Symbol of the Resurrected Christ.
The Cross remembers His death.
The Greek letters Alpha and Omega (meaning beginning and end)
and the current year signal Him the King of History.

The Baptism candle is lit from the Paschal candle symbolizing the light
of Christ that lights in us at Baptism and which we take to others.

Instructions:
Color, cut, and write the
number of the current
year in each inner corner
of the cross. Glue to a
toilet paper roll.

