

Lesson Seventeen Preparation: Mark 1:9-11

Baptism

Lesson Supplies

Catholic Children's Bible with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

Objectives

- To know the sacrament of baptism and its effects.
- To know the form (words) and matter (material) of Baptism.
- To know who can baptize.

Read

From the Bible: Mark 1:9-11

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1213)

Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1275)

From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions [250-264](#). This will take about five minutes.

Watch

[Jesus is Baptized \(3:10\)](#) [Symbols of Baptism \(3:51\)](#) [Sophia Sketchpad Baptism \(6:39\)](#) [Baptism \(2:18\)](#)

Reflect

Think back to when your child was born. To a parent, your child is beautiful, perfect, and flawless. But one of the first things the nurses do is clean up your beautiful, perfect, flawless baby. That's the first of many cleanups for your baby's body. Baptism is the first clean up for your baby's soul.

Like the mess of labor and delivery, we're all born with a mess that we didn't create ourselves. We inherit the defect of original sin—the origin of sin in me—from Adam and Eve. Original sin is what makes me all too capable of freely choosing to do something bad, something wrong, something sinful. Baptism washes away original sin; it fills in the gap of original sin. But it doesn't completely take away the effect of original sin. Even after Baptism, we have to live with the attraction of doing something wrong. The great adventure of the rest of our lives is overcoming that attraction with God's help, because we can't do it alone.

Baptism begins that great adventure. It brings us into God's family, his Church. It is the first time God takes up residence in your soul. You become a living tabernacle, a walking house of God, and so does your child.

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Lesson Summary

Baptism is the gateway to life in Christ. Through Baptism the graces of salvation won through the paschal mystery are communicated to an individual.

Through Baptism original sin and all other sin is forgiven, the Holy Spirit abides in the soul of the baptized, one becomes a son or daughter of God, one becomes a member of the Church, and one is anointed priest, prophet, and king.

Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Our Father, Hail Mary (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

Read

Mark 1:9-11 - Baptism of Jesus

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the [suggested journal prompts](#) if you need help.

Reflect

If Jesus is God, why was he baptized? Baptism washes away original sin, but Jesus didn't have any sin. You can think about this in at least two ways.

First, Jesus was baptized to take your sins away and put them on himself. Baptism washes away sins, so when Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River, he immerses himself in the sins of the world to take them on himself.

Second, Jesus was baptized to begin his public ministry. John the Baptist officially anointed him as the Messiah, and he told his followers that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Jesus came to take away your sins. When you were baptized and every time you got a confession, Jesus takes your sins away.

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Discuss

- What do you remember about a family member's baptism? Was anyone special there?
- Parents, share why you chose to have your child baptized. How did you feel on the Baptism Day?

Bible History

Sometime this week, read **Jonah Runs Away Instead of Obeying God (Jonah 1:2-4, 12, 15-17)**, pages 1398-1399 in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

This is the story of the Prophet Jonah, who tried to run away from God and was swallowed by a whale.

Live

- Share pictures of your baptism. Share the Baptismal candle that was lit at your baptism. Talk about your godparents and create a card to thank them for being a special part of your life. Mark your calendar to celebrate your family's Baptism Anniversaries.
- Trace the sign of the cross on each family member's forehead just like you did at your Baptism. Name something that you love about that person.
- Talk about your birth name. Why was this name chosen for you? Look up a saint that has your same name and learn about their quest for holiness.

Lesson Seventeen Supplemental Materials

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Lesson Summary Statements

- Baptism is the gateway to the whole Christian life
- Jesus instituted Baptism when He told the disciples to go and baptize (Matthew 28: 19).
- The form (words) of Baptism is "I Baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- The matter (material) of Baptism is water, which is poured or sprinkled on the head three times or the person to be baptized is immersed in it three times.
- The effects of baptism are
 - Original sin and any actual sin are washed away.
 - The Trinity comes to dwell in the soul and the Baptized participates in the life of the Trinity (sanctifying grace).
 - The baptized receive graces and help from God.
 - The baptized rises to new life in unity with God and as a beloved Son or Daughter of God. And a member of the Church.
 - The baptized participates in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices of Christ and has corresponding duties
 - The three theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love, and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are received
 - The baptized receives an indelible mark on the soul.
- Anyone who has not received baptism can receive the sacrament as long as s/he can express a basic faith in Jesus.
- Adults profess their faith, for children parents and godparents speak for the child until the child is able to accept the faith himself.
- Baptism is only the beginning of faith, it must grow and mature through prayer, study, Christian living and participating in the sacraments until death.
- Anyone can baptize in an emergency, the normal minister of baptism is a priest or bishop
- Baptism is needed for salvation. However those who are not baptized or never heard the gospel can be saved through baptism of blood (dying for the faith in Jesus) or of desire (someone who wanted to be baptized but died first, or someone would have wanted to be baptized if they had known about it).

More Resources to Answer Your Questions

Videos

- [Rite of Baptism \(10:00\)](#)
- [Three hours after being baptized in the Catholic Church – a young person’s perspective \(4:40\)](#)
- [Understanding baptism in the Roman Catholic Church \(6:28\)](#)

Websites

- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)

Name: _____

God Praises His Son

Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the circled letters in the blanks at the bottom of the page and answer the two questions.

1. John didn't think Jesus should be (B) _____.
2. After his Baptism Jesus saw (E) _____ open.
3. God the Father said he was (L) _____ with his Son.
4. Jesus was Baptized by the prophet (O) _____.
5. The Spirit of God came down on Jesus like a (V) _____.
6. Jesus heard a (E) _____ from Heaven.
7. Jesus was baptized at the (D) _____ river.

Write the seven circled letters here: _____

Who is the beloved one? _____

Who loves him? _____



Seek and Find: Look at pages 1452 and 1453 of your Bible. How many times do you see John the Baptist on the story pages?