

SOGL Kindergarten Family Prayers

January: Remembering God's Love

Preparing to Pray

The Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On this day, we remember that when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, God spoke from the heavens, telling everyone that Jesus was his beloved Son. You may want to read aloud the account of Jesus' baptism from Luke 3:21-22.

Your child will learn about the Sacrament of Baptism in Chapter 12 of *Stories of God's Love* Kindergarten. However, you can also introduce this topic by telling your child that because of our Baptism, we become God's children. Another exercise is to bring home a small amount of holy water from your parish. Pour the holy water into a small glass. Tell your child that the water will be used in your prayer to remember our Baptism. You may want to keep the holy water near an exterior door of your home to use as a sacramental.

Praying Together

Parent: Let us remember that we are followers of Jesus by making the Sign of the Cross together.

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Parent: Loving Father, we became your children when we were baptized. Help us to remember the day of our Baptism.

Make the Sign of the Cross on your child's forehead with the blessed water. Then together, pray the following acclamations aloud.

All: Thank you, Father, for giving us new life.

Thank you for loving us always.

Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us how to live.

Amen.

Working with Your Child

- Show your child photographs or a video of their Baptism. Tell your child why this was an important day for your family.
- The next time you go to church, be sure to have your child bless themselves using the holy water from the font. Help your child understand that this ritual action reminds us of our Baptism.