

FAITH FORMATION

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 When Jesus approached John the Baptist to be baptized, John hesitated saying, "I need to be baptized by you." Still, Jesus said it was fitting for him to be baptized by John. When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Trinity comes together when the Holy Spirit descends as a dove, and the Father speaks from heaven, saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Promise (Grades Pre School, K and 1): This week's lesson focused on Jesus' baptism by John and on the Holy Trinity, which was present at Jesus' baptism. Talk about the tools that workers need to do their jobs and share what tools you use for your work. Talk about the mystery of the Holy Trinity and add all three Persons to your prayers this week.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week's lesson talks about Baptism and family ties. Have your child recall the words of Baptism from the lesson. Friends talk about their family ties in the story. Discuss your family's nationality and share stories of each other's Baptisms, with photos, if possible. Discuss the mystery of the Holy Trinity, which is a big part of the Gospel story of Jesus' baptism. Recall with your children how we remember the Holy Trinity in the Sign of the Cross.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your child's class discussed how we belong to God's family. What special family came together when Jesus was baptized? Go over how we celebrate Baptisms and be sure to share stories from each family member's Baptism, with photos if possible.