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The Baptism of the Lord

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Gospel

Gospel – Adapted from Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were full of expectation, and they were wondering whether John the Baptist might be the Christ. John answered them, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming who is mightier than I am. I am not worthy to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized and was praying. The heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in the form of a dove. And a voice came from heaven, saying, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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Reflection

A very interesting event happens in today's Gospel. Jesus comes to John the Baptist to be baptized. Why? John was baptizing people for repentance of their sins. Jesus had no sin, so He certainly did not need to be baptized. Jesus had no sin to repent of, but we do. He displays amazing humility by going down into the water with sinners so that His people would follow His example.

Then something amazing happened. We get a glimpse of the entire Blessed Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus, the Son, was baptized by John. The Holy Spirit comes down from heaven in the form of a dove. And then the Father's voice is heard: "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

This event gives us a clear picture of the reality of the Trinity. But something else wonderful happens, too. Jesus takes John's baptism and shows us what the sacrament of Baptism, which Jesus gives us, is like. John had said, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." When you were baptized, you received the Holy Spirit. He came to live in you. And you also became a child of God. At every Baptism, we can imagine God saying: "This is my beloved son (or daughter), in whom I am well pleased." God loves having children. He is pleased when anyone comes to Him in Baptism. Let us thank God for the gift of Baptism, and commit to living our lives like a child of God should.

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Discussion Questions

Why does God want all people to be baptized and be His children?

Since we are children of God, what does that tell us about how special we are? How should we live our lives, as children of God?

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Vocabulary

- **Baptism** – The sacrament of Baptism makes us children of God, part of His family, the Church. It frees us from sin, and God comes to live in us.
- **Humility** – Humility is a virtue in which we do not try to put ourselves above other people. A humble person will even lower himself for the good of someone else. Even though Jesus is God, He came to John for baptism, for the good of sinners.
- **Repentance** – Turning away from sin. John baptized people so they would turn away from sin, and be ready to accept Jesus.
- **Trinity** – Three Persons in one God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all God.

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Fill in the Blank

- 1) When Jesus came to be baptized by John, He demonstrated amazing _____.
- 2) We became children of God when we received the sacrament of _____.
- 3) The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit make up the Blessed _____.
- 4) John baptized people as a sign of their _____.

- 1) True/False: Jesus needed to be baptized because He was a sinner.
 - A) True
 - B) False

- 2) What came down upon Jesus?
 - A) Rain
 - B) The Holy Spirit
 - C) A bright cloud
 - D) Angels

- 3) What did the voice from heaven call Jesus?
 - A) "My beloved Son"
 - B) "The Lamb of God"
 - C) "Jesus of Nazareth"
 - D) "The Good Shepherd"

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BAPTISM
 HOLY SPIRIT
 HUMILITY
 JESUS
 REPENTANCE
 TRINITY





Fill in the Blank

- 1) Humility
- 2) Baptism
- 3) Trinity
- 4) Repentance

Quiz:

- 1) B – False
- 2) B – The Holy Spirit
- 3) A – “My beloved Son”