

# Chapter 18

# Baptism

Invite



Let Us Pray

**Leader:** You give us living water, O Lord.

"Know that the LORD is God,  
our maker to whom we belong . . ."

Psalm 100:3

**All:** You give us living water, O Lord. Amen.

## Activity Let's Begin

### ● The Growing Table

The Mings sat down to dinner  
But before they could begin,  
There was a loud rap-tap-tap.

The Mings called, "Do come in!"  
In strolled a weary postman  
And Carrie's baseball team,  
Too many, it would seem!

- Write one way the Ming family could welcome the people.

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**Act It Out** With a partner, act out one way your family welcomes visitors.



# Welcome!

**Focus**

**What Sacrament welcomes you into the Church?**

The Mings welcomed a lot of people! At their meal, everyone felt like family.

**Baptism** is your welcome into the Church. God chooses you to be in the Church family.

With Baptism, the Holy Spirit comes. God makes you his own child. You receive a share in his life. God's life and love in you is called **grace**.

**? How do you welcome people to your home or classroom?**



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# Follow Jesus



Jesus said, “You will be baptized with the holy Spirit. You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you. You will be my followers to the ends of the earth.”

Based on Acts 1:5, 8

People who are baptized and who follow Jesus are called Christians. Baptism helps you do Jesus’ work.

You can take part in class and be nice to others. You can tell others about Jesus and his love. You can show others you care.

**? What are ways children can do Jesus’ work?**

## Activity

## Share Your Faith

**Think:** Think about how you might tell others about Jesus.

**Share:** As a class, make a list of ways.



**Act:** Pick one way that you will help others know about Jesus. Fill in the blanks.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise to  
[your name]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

## Words of Faith

**Baptism** is the Sacrament that brings you new life in God and makes you a member of the Church.

**Grace** is a sharing in God’s life and love.



# Celebrate



Focus

What happens in Baptism?



- 1 Holy water is poured over you three times while these words are prayed: "[Your name], I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



- 2 You or your parents are given a lit candle. Light is a sign of Jesus. Jesus asks you to be like a light and show his love to others.



- 3 You receive a white garment. It is a sign of your new life in Christ and your membership in the Church.



- 4 The priest uses blessed oil to make a cross on your head. It is a sign that you are chosen by God.



Your parents and **godparents** are also signs of God's love. They promise that they will help you live as a child of God. The whole community will help you follow Jesus. They will be examples to you and will help you learn about the Church.

## Words of Faith

Your **godparents** are chosen by your parents to help you to follow Jesus. They are usually present at your Baptism.

### Activity

## Connect Your Faith



**Match Game** Draw lines to match the words and the pictures.

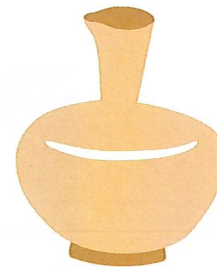
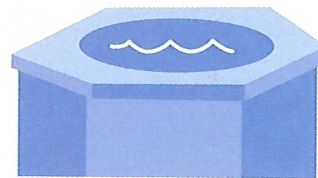
Godparents

Light

Holy water

Blessed oil

White garment



# Signs of God's Life and Love



## Focus

How can you answer the call of Baptism?

With Baptism, God called you to be a sign of his life and love. Here are some things God calls you to do.

- Show that you believe in God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Be like a light and share your goodness.
- Live a new life in the Church.
- Love and serve God.

## Ways To Answer God's Call

### Show You Believe

Pray every day.  
Make the Sign of the Cross.

### Be Like a Light

Welcome everyone.  
Be a good example for younger children.

### Live New Life

Go to church with your family.  
Give up bad habits that lead to sin.

### Love and Serve

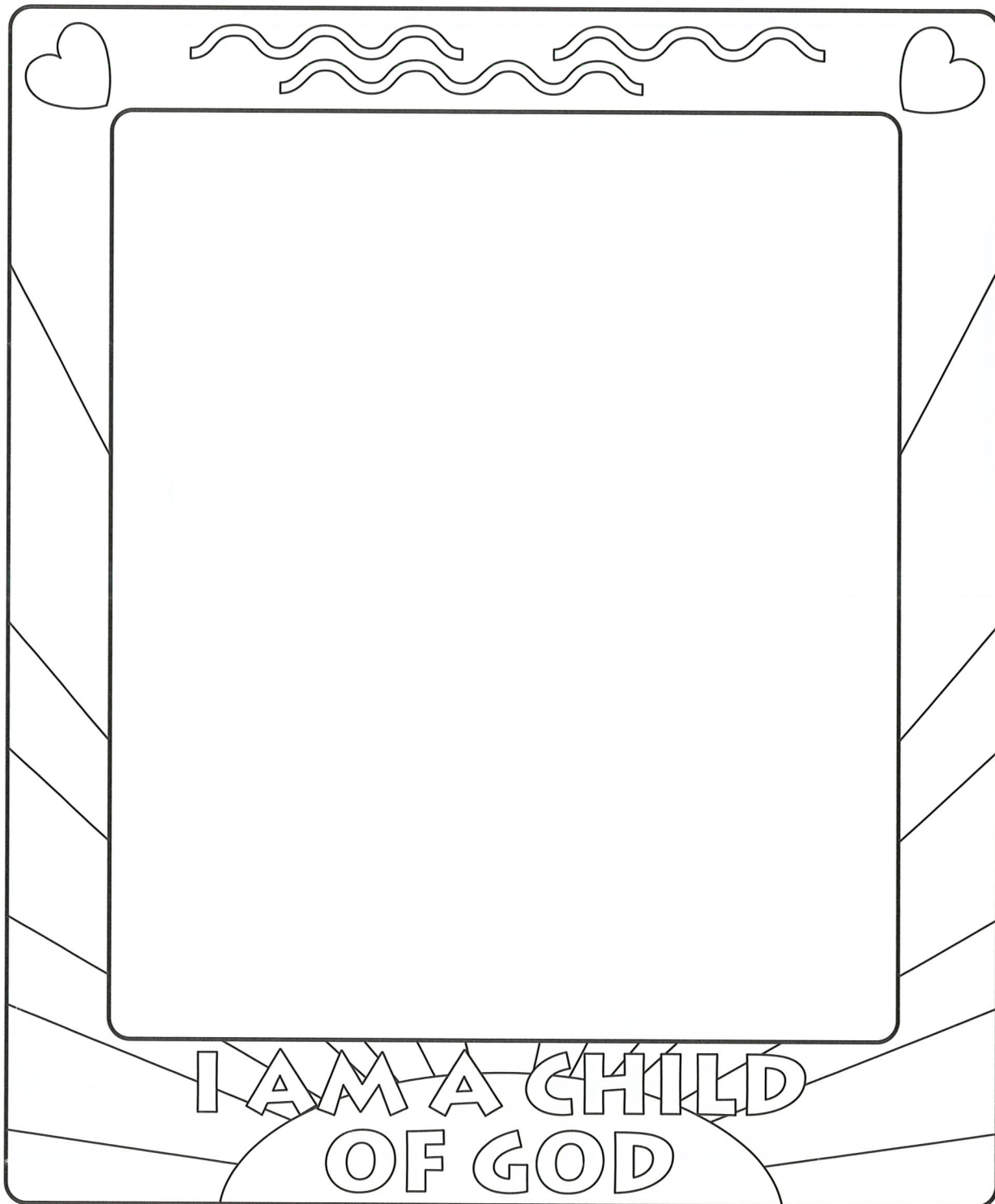
Do your chores cheerfully.  
Share what you have.

❓ What are some other ways you can be a sign of God's life and love?





**Baptism Memories** Color the frame and the words. In the frame, draw or glue a picture of your Baptism.



# Blessing Prayer



Let Us Pray

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.



Sing together.

You have put on Christ,  
in him you have been baptized.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*"You Have Put On Christ," Rite of Baptism for Children © 1969, ICEL.*

**Leader:** Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

**All:** as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.



**A Work with Words** Circle the correct answer.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ brings you new life in God.

**Working      Baptism**

2. People who follow Jesus are called \_\_\_\_\_.

**Christians      family**

3. Sharing in God's life and love is called \_\_\_\_\_.

**creation      grace**

**B Check Understanding** Number the steps of Baptism in order.

\_\_\_\_\_ You receive a lit candle.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your head is marked with blessed oil.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water is poured over you three times.

\_\_\_\_\_ You are given a white garment.

**C Make Connections** Write a brief response to the question.

What does Baptism call you to do?

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# Family Faith



## Catholics Believe

- God's love and life is called your sharing in grace.
- Baptism is your welcome into the Church family.



## SCRIPTURE

Read Matthew 3:13–17 to find out about the baptism of Jesus.



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## Activity

# Live Your Faith

**Remember Baptism** Visit the baptismal font at your church after Sunday Mass. Remind your child that the water is blessed. Look for signs of God or of Baptism that decorate the font. On your way out of the church, have each member of the family make the Sign of the Cross with the holy water.



## People of Faith

During his teenage years, **Saint Moses** was a slave. Many people were frightened of him because he was very, very tall. Moses was unhappy with his life, so he began to search for God. A priest and a farmer told Moses about God and God's love for him. Moses was baptized and later became a priest. He taught others about God's love. He is the patron saint of African Americans. The Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Moses on August 28.



## Family Prayer

**Saint Moses the Black, pray for us that we will be peaceful people and show others signs of God's love. Amen.**

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▲ Saint Moses the Black, fourth century

In Unit 6 your child is learning about SACRAMENTS.