

# Draw & Color

Draw a picture of your baptism  
(the one you had or the one you'd like to have).

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**Baptism of the Lord**  
Matthew 3:13-17

## John Baptizes Jesus

John the Baptist baptized people in the Jordan River. They said they were sorry for the bad things they had done and then went down under the water—Splash!—and came up new.

One day, Jesus asked John to baptize him. John's mouth dropped open. "What?!?" he cried. "You should be the one to baptize me!"

Jesus shook his head. "This is the way God wants it to be."

John scratched his chin. "Well...okay."

John dunked Jesus under the water—Splash! When Jesus came back up, suddenly God's Holy Spirit, in the shape of a dove, came down and landed on Jesus! Then God's voice echoed all around them. "This is my Son, and I love him."

John could hardly believe what he saw and heard! Something amazing was happening in the world, and it was all about this Jesus!

## REMEMBER THIS

### BAPTISM

A ceremony where we are washed with water and God's word and welcomed into God's family.



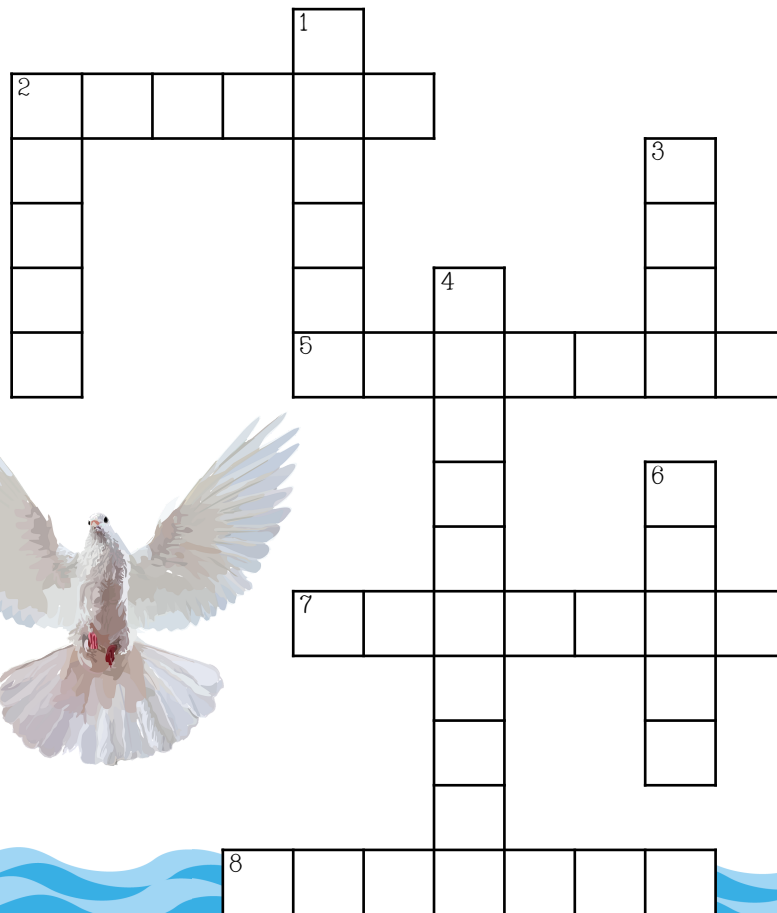
# BAPTISM CROSSWORD

Use the story on the first page to help you fill in the crossword puzzle.

John the **[7 Across]**  
baptized people in the **[2 Across]** River.

One day, **[2 Down]** asked  
John to  
**[8 Across]** him. John's  
mouth **[5 Across]** open.  
"You should baptize me!"

But John finally agreed.  
When Jesus came up  
from the river, God's  
**[4 Down]** came down  
like a **[3 Down]** and  
**[1 Down]** on Jesus!  
Then God's said, "This is  
**[6 Down (2 words)]**,  
and I love him."



## Did You Know?

The Jordan River is 156 miles long. It flows through the Sea of Galilee where Jesus' friends did lots of fishing. Some people still get baptized in the Jordan River today!

## TRY IT AT HOME!

Ask a grown-up to tell you about your baptism or their own baptism.  
What was it like? What did it mean to them?