



January 8, 2023, Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of mighty waters, you don't wield power. You share it. You don't judge to destroy. You judge to deliver. Help us to remember these truths today as you call us to repentance through your son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. (Matthew 3:16)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

The prophet, John, has been waiting for the promised one. Could this Jesus be the one?



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Why do you think Jesus wanted to be baptized by John? What did his baptism mean to the people observing? What does it mean to you?
- For the littles: A dove is a symbol of peace. What is your favorite bird? Why?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God claim you as God's own. Loudly. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

The days are darkest at this time in the northern hemisphere. Put on a heavy coat and observe the sky. Consider what it might look, sound, and feel like to have the heavens opened so that God send peace, light, and life into the world.



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48

Tuesday, Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13

Wednesday, Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday, Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12

Friday, Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5

Saturday, Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11