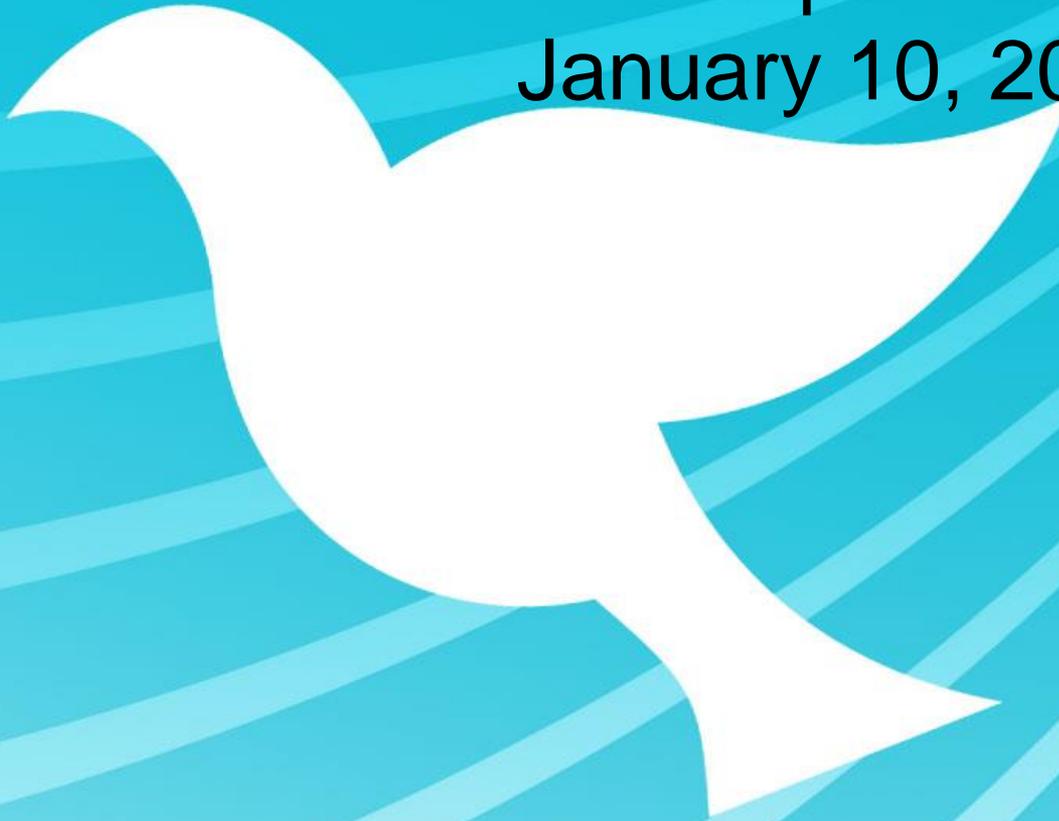


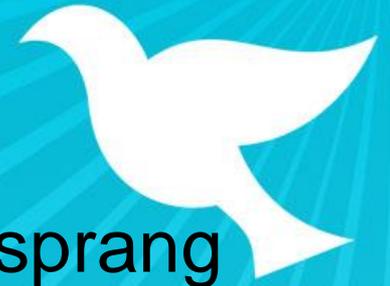
# Youth & Family Worship

## Baptism

January 10, 2021



# Call to Worship



L: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

P: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

L: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

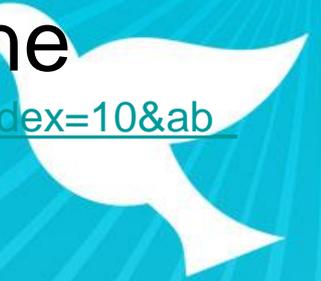
P: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

L: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love

P: AMEN.

# Opening Worship Song ~ Everyone

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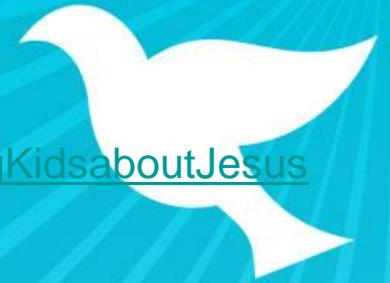
# Opening Prayer



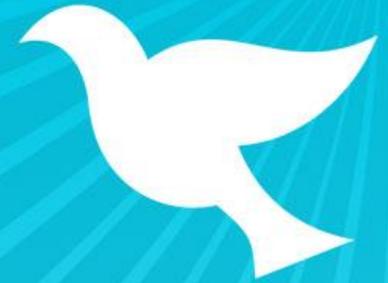
God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, Be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. AMEN.

# Bible Story

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf\\_ahdSQGtg&ab\\_channel=TeachingKidsaboutJesus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf_ahdSQGtg&ab_channel=TeachingKidsaboutJesus)



# Children's Lesson



Whether as an infant, adult, or in between, baptism is something that is practiced and viewed differently by some, but is always significant. Jesus was baptized at the start of His ministry, and His example sets a standard for us and the symbol of what baptism represents.

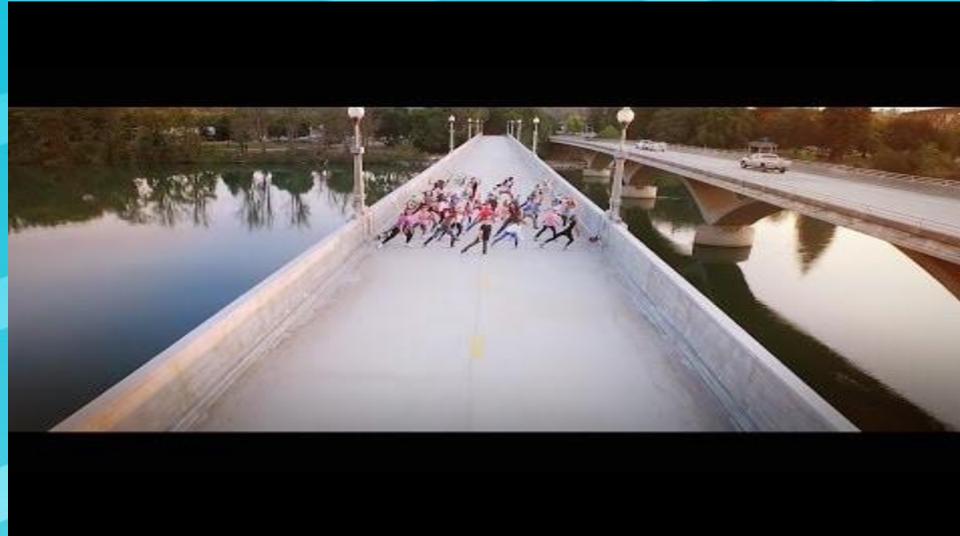
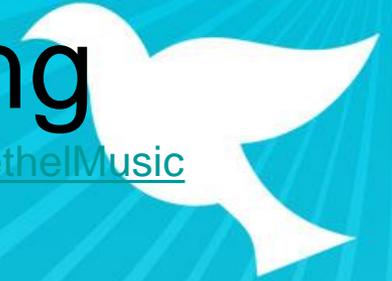
When people are baptized they have an opportunity to tell their story of how they came to know and love Jesus. This is always such an encouraging time for everyone in the church! People are baptized to show they are following God. Baptism is always a celebration! Baptism is a sweet reminder of God's great love for us and is a special way to share your faith with the rest of the world.

Think about your baptism or have your parents tell you about your baptism and maybe even look at pictures. Reinforce the importance of this special day!

<https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-baptism-lesson/>

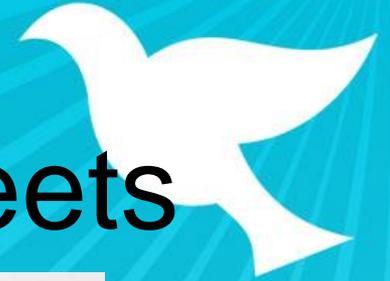
# Children's worship song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxVadCcRfol&ab\\_channel=BethelMusic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxVadCcRfol&ab_channel=BethelMusic)



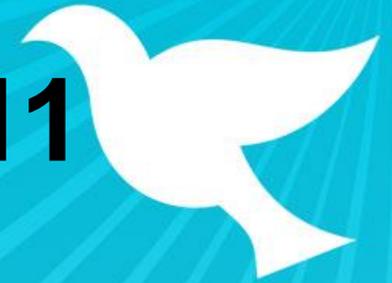
# Lesson Craft

## Directions in activity sheets



origami  
peace dove

# Scripture: Mark 1:4-11



1:4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

1:5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

1:6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

1:7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

1:8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

# Adult & Youth Lesson Discussion or Journal



Big Question: Is Baptism just like instant oatmeal? Do we add a little water and instantly we're Christians?

Big Idea: Baptism is not a quick faith fix. Baptism is an outward symbol of God's continuous transformation of our lives.

Scripture Reference: Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation ([Philippians 2:12](#))

What's happening in this text? Paul is writing to the community of Christians in Phillipi. Like us, they are trying to figure this faith thing out. Paul teaches us and them a very big lesson about baptism and our faith in general: its not an event it's a process. We continue to work out our faith in commitment, obedience and through God's grace. While Baptism is a momentous occasion in the life of a believer- we continue to grow in our faith long after the water has dried.

In other words- baptism is not like instant oatmeal- where we just add water and poof: we're perfect Christians.



Discussion or Journal: Where are you in your process with your relationship with God? What would you like to change or grow? What is also included through baptism? Through baptism we are formally inducted into the family of faith.

Discuss or journal: share one of your favorite memories of “grace being given” within their families. The leader may share a big mistake they made and how their family loved them and supported them anyway. In Families, we make mistakes, we disappoint each other, we correct each other and in the midst of it all: We love each other. God’s baptism makes us one of God’s children whom God loves through “instant” grace, forgiveness and correction.

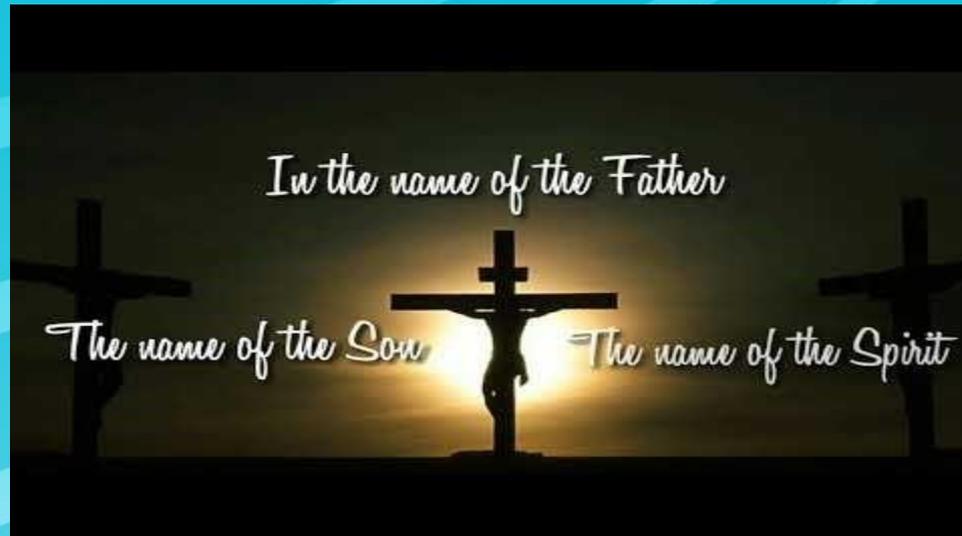
Baptism connects us instantly to a community of faith. In the United Methodist Church congregations commit to growing in faith with those whom are baptized. Immediately through baptism we are connected to our church family who will grow in their faith along side us.

<https://www.gnjumc.org/resource/baptism-youth-group-lessons/>

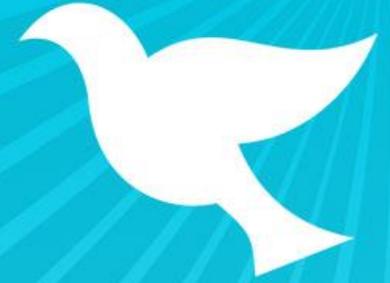
# Worship Song



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# Benediction



Go forth joyfully. God is with you. Bring peace and hope to all you meet. And may God's eternal love shine through you always. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2214/worship-connection-january-10-2021>

# Worship Song



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