



# SPARK

## Week 13 - Jesus Is Baptized

After this time together your child will be able to do /know (one or all depending on their age):

- Understand that Jesus was baptized by his relative, John.
- The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus and a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
- Jesus came to bring us light and we are called by our Baptism to bring light into the world.

### Week of Jan. 4 Focus

#### Read Mark 1:7-11

"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11

### Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 13 preparation video at [saint-max.org/spark](http://saint-max.org/spark)
- [Sacrament 101: Baptism](#) (6 min)
- [Symbols Used in Baptism](#) (7 min)



### Opening Prayer

## PRAY

+ Lord God, You are awesome and mighty! Thank you for your gift of Baptism. Thank you for calling us into your family! Help us to tell other people about your great love. Please help \_\_\_\_\_ today. Amen +

### Family Connection

## SHARE

Most children probably don't remember their Baptism. Take some time to revisit that special day and remind them of how loved they are by you and by God. It was the day they were welcomed into His family.



### Saint Spotlight - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Click her name to learn more!)

She was the first native-born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. She married a wealthy businessman and was mother to five children. When her husband passed away she established a school in Boston, Massachusetts, to educate her children. She also opened a Catholic girl's school in Baltimore, Maryland. **Fest day:** January 4 **Patron:** of in-law problems, against the death of children, widows, death of parents, and opposition of Church authorities

*Pick the narrative back up by reminding your children that Jesus is now grown and we know very little about his growing up years, except the story of him being lost in the temple. (Luke 2:41-52) Jesus' Baptism starts His 3 years of public ministry; just as our Baptism begins our faith journey.*

# LEARN

## Read the Bible Story

This story can be found in Mark 1:7-11 (and in Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:1-22, John 1:1-34). This story is not in our Picture Bible Stories book. I would show this video [John Baptizes Jesus](#) to your child (if you don't have the Baptism story in another book).

- Who is John? (*a relative of Jesus*)
- What happens when we get baptized? (*We get water poured on our head and we are anointed with a special oil that the priest uses to mark us with the sign of the Cross. We become part of God's family.*)
- Why didn't John want to Baptize Jesus? (*John doesn't feel worthy -important enough-He thinks Jesus should baptize him instead! But John does it because Jesus said we must be obedient to fulfill the prophets. ( See Isaiah 11:2 "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.")*)
- What happens when Jesus comes out of the water? *The Spirit descends upon Him & a voice says "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."*

**Wondering Questions:** I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what it was like when the Spirit came down on Jesus? Do you think other people saw or heard? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? (*God loved us so much that God sent His son into our world to die for our sins and even though he had no sins of his own he still entered the human condition and was baptized as an act of faith and obedience.*)

### **If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:**

[The Meaning of Baptism](#) (1:30 min)

[The Baptism of Jesus](#) (7 min) Longer, with important details.



## LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family .....



1. Find your child's Baptismal gown, white stole, &/or candle.
2. Talk about how you celebrate birthdays. Your Baptism is just as important. How could you celebrate your Baptismal date? Perhaps, it could be as simple as lighting the child's Baptismal candle & saying a prayer. I highly encourage you to find a Baptism date special ritual. I wish I had done this. See article below.
3. Retell the story of Jesus' Baptism using the paper figures in your packet.
4. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

## PRAY

+ Loving God, thank you for inviting me into your big family. Help me to be kind and loving to all of your people. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_ today. Amen +  
(Sign of the Cross)

## Digging Deeper!

[What Does It Mean to be Blessed?](#) Fr. Mike Schmitz (6 min) Excellent! Bless your children daily!

[How to celebrate your kids' Baptism Anniversary.](#) Great ideas in this article!

[The Sacrament of Baptism Catechism Paragraphs 1213-1284](#) (linked here)

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