

## Station 1: Baptism

In the sacraments, we receive God's grace. Sacraments help us to live as God wants us to live. The first sacrament we receive is called Baptism. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family. Baptism is the beginning of our new life with Jesus. We are saved from original sin and given the gift of God's new life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, our parents and godparents promise to help us keep the light of Christ burning for all to see.

### **Share Baptismal Memories**

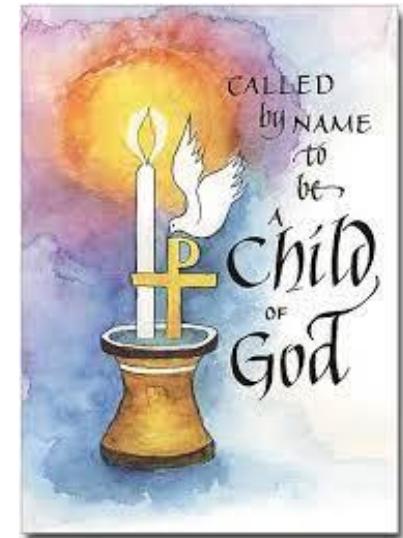
Talk with your child about his/her baptism.

- When was his/her baptism?
- Why did you choose the name you did?
- Who are his/her godparents? Why did you choose them?
- Where was his/her baptism?

### **Scavenger Hunt**

- Gather the following items:
  - Cup of water
  - Bowl of water (if you have holy water, even better)
  - Candle
  - Matches (or lighter)
- In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean of our sins with holy water.
  - Take a small drink of water and notice how refreshing it is.
  - Touch the water in the bowl, what are some ways we use water every day? (Bathing, cleaning dishes/clothes, washing our hands) Even flushing the toilet can remind us how water "washes away our sin" in the Sacrament of Baptism!
- In the Sacrament of Baptism, we (or our parents/godparents for us, if we are too little) are given the light of Christ and told to keep it burning brightly for all to see.
  - Light the candle and pray the following prayer together:

*Dear God,  
Thank you for the gift of grace we receive in the sacraments. Help me  
to remember I am always part of your family. I want to be close to you.  
Amen.*



Be sure to blow out your candle before starting Station 2.