

ALIVE IN CHRIST

GRADE 1

Jesus Christ

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Our Sunday Visitor

We Are Welcomed



Let Us Pray

Leader: God, you have given us water to refresh us.

You made springs flow in valleys that wind among the mountains.

Based on Psalm 104:10

All: Thank you, God, for living water that gives us life. Amen.



God's Word

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." **Mark 16:15-16**



What Do You Wonder?

- What is being baptized like?
- When were you baptized?

Welcome!

What Sacrament welcomes you into the Church?

Baptism makes you a child of God and member of the Church. It is your welcome into the Church. God chooses you to be in the Church family.

With Baptism, the Holy Spirit comes. God makes you his own child. You receive a share in his life. God's life and love in you is called **grace**.

After Jesus went back to his Father in Heaven, the followers of Jesus welcomed everyone to be part of the Church.



Welcome!



God's Word

People Everywhere Believe

Philip traveled to different towns to tell others the Good News about Jesus. He shared Jesus' message and his love. In the name of Jesus, he even healed people who were sick. Many people began to believe in Jesus and were baptized. **Based on Acts 8:4-12**

People who are baptized and who follow Jesus are called Christians. Baptism helps you do Jesus' work.

You can be kind to others and obey your parents. You can tell others about Jesus and his love. You can show others you care by sharing.

➔ **What are other ways children can do Jesus' work?**

Share Your Faith

Think Write one way you can tell others about Jesus.

I, promise to

_____.

Share As a group, make a list of different ways to tell others about Jesus.

Catholic Faith Words

Baptism the Sacrament in which a person is immersed in water or has water poured on him or her. Baptism takes away Original Sin and all personal sin, and makes a person a child of God and member of the Church.

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Becoming Church Members

What happens in Baptism?

1



Holy Water is poured over you three times while these words are prayed: “[Your name], I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Rite of Baptism).

2



The priest then says that you will remain a member of Christ forever and uses Sacred Chrism to make a cross on your head. This gesture is a sign that you are chosen by God to be a member of the Church.

3



You receive a white garment. It is a sign of your new life in Christ and your membership in the Church.

4



Your parents or godparents are given a lit candle. Light is a sign of Jesus. Jesus asks you to be like a light and show his love to others.



Your parents and **godparents** are also signs of God's love. They promise that they will help you live as a child of God. The whole community will help you follow Jesus. They will be examples to you and will help you learn about the Church.

Catholic Faith Words

godparents two people chosen by your parents to help you follow Jesus. They are usually present at your Baptism.

Connect Your Faith

Match Game Draw lines to match the words and the pictures.

Godparents ●



Candle ●



Holy water ●



White garment ●



Our Catholic Life

How does your Baptism help you follow Jesus?

With Baptism, God called you to be a sign of his life and love. Here are some things God calls you to do.



Check off the things you can do this week to be a sign of God's life and love.

Ways to Answer God's Call

Show You Believe

Show that you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Pray every day.

Make the Sign of the Cross.

Be Like a Light

Be a light and share your goodness.

Welcome everyone.

Be a good example for younger children.

Live a New Life

Live a new life in the Church.

Go to church with your family.

Give up bad habits that lead to sin.

Love and Serve

Love and serve God.

Do your chores cheerfully.

Share what you have.

People of Faith

Saint Moses the Black, fourth century

Saint Moses was a robber when he was a young man. Many people were frightened of him because he was very tall and very mean and he became unhappy with his life. A monk told Moses about God and God's love for him. Moses was baptized and learned to love Jesus. Later he became a priest. He taught others about God's love and encouraged them to be baptized.



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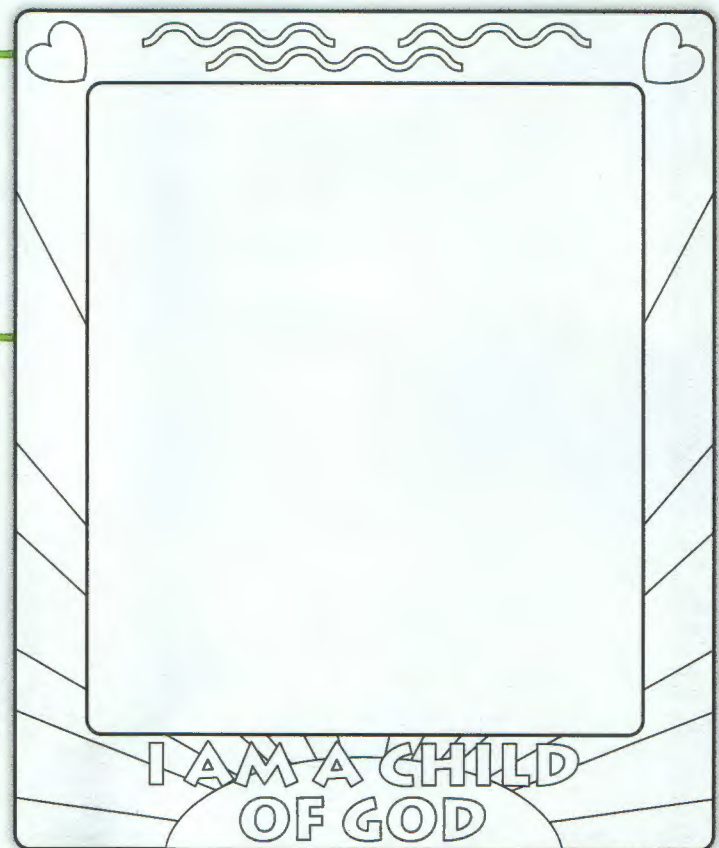
Discuss: Have you been at a Baptism? What did you see?



Learn more about
Saint Moses the Black at
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Live Your Faith

Baptism Memories Color the frame and the words. In the frame, draw or glue a picture of your Baptism.



 Let Us Pray


Blessing Prayer

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

Leader: Today we celebrate the gift of our Baptism.
And so we remember that day by saying
what we believe:

 **All:** Sing "Yes, Lord, I Believe"

I believe in God the Father,
I believe in God the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
And the strength that makes us one.
I believe that Mother Mary
Is the Mother of God's Son.
I believe, I do believe.

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YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines the signs and symbols of Baptism and explains that baptized people are children of God and members of the Church.

God's Word



Read **Mark 16:15–16** to learn about who is saved by Jesus Christ.

Catholics Believe

- Grace is God's gift of a share in his life and help.
- Baptism is the Sacrament in which a person is immersed in water or has water poured on him or her. Baptism brings new life in God and makes the person a member of the Church.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1277–1282 at uscgb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Moses the Black, a former robber in what is now Egypt, who became a dedicated monk and priest.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Baptism First-grade children are very curious about Baptisms. There is always excitement when children this age are permitted to come near the baptismal font as someone is being baptized. They are intrigued by the pouring of the water. They are also able to understand that through the ritual actions and words of the rite, something deeper is occurring. Talk about your memories of your child's Baptism, and show him or her photos from that special day.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How true is it for you that when you married your spouse you married his or her family?

One of the great joys and challenges of the first year of marriage is realizing that you are part of an entire "other" family. You married one person, but received a whole family. In Baptism, when we enter into divine life, by becoming one with Christ, we also received a whole family—the Church. "A person is initiated into God's people not by physical birth, but by a spiritual birth through faith in Christ and Baptism" (*USCCA, p. 116*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name some ways he or she welcomes people at home.
- Talk about some ways God has called you and name some things you've done to answer God's call.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Dear Jesus, thank you for making us a part of your family through Baptism. Amen.



For a multimedia glossary of Catholic Faith Words, Sunday readings, seasonal and Saint resources, and chapter activities go to aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Chapter 18 Review

A Work with Words Circle the correct answer.

1. ____ makes a person a child of God and member of the Church.

Working

Baptism

2. People who follow Jesus are called ____.

Christians

family

3. Sharing in God's life and help is called ____.

creation

grace

B Check Understanding Number the steps of Baptism in order from 1-4.

4. You receive a lit candle.

Your head is marked with Sacred Chrism.

Water is poured over you three times.

You are given a white garment.

