



# Growing FAITH at home

FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER  
EPIPHANY

YEAR A

As we celebrate  
Jesus' baptism,  
we remember  
our own



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## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. What took place at Jesus' baptism? How do you think he felt?
2. How do you feel about your baptism? What does it mean to you?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

<b>S</b> <b>Matthew 3:13-17</b>	The baptism of Jesus
<b>M</b> <b>Matthew 28:16-20</b>	Baptism in the Triune name
<b>T</b> <b>Isaiah 60:1-6</b>	The glory of Zion
<b>W</b> <b>Acts 8:26-40</b>	An Ethiopian is baptised
<b>T</b> <b>Romans 6:1-11</b>	Baptised into Christ Jesus
<b>F</b> <b>Ephesians 3:1-12</b>	God's plan for the Gentiles
<b>S</b> <b>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-24</b>	The prayers of David

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*A voice from heaven said,  
"This is my Son, whom I love;  
with him I am well pleased."*

MATTHEW 3:17



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Share in a ritual of baptismal remembrance when you gather for meals this week.

Place a bowl of water in the centre of your meal table. Have each person dip a finger in the water and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead.

Say these words to one another in turn:

***"Remember and be thankful – you are a baptised child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever."***



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.



## PRAYER

Father God,  
thank you for your promise through baptism that we are part of your family and that you love us. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Ask your pastor or church office for the names of those baptised in your church in the past year. Prepare bookmarks, cards or notes of encouragement to give to these people (or their households). Express your thankfulness for their membership in God's family through holy baptism.



## BLESSING

Baptised child of God, may the Holy Spirit come and rest on you. May the Spirit make you strong and bless you with peace.