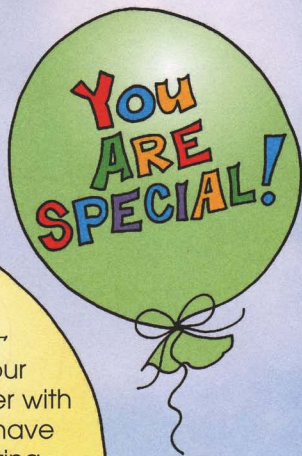


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I AM SPECIAL

Kindergarten, 5th Edition

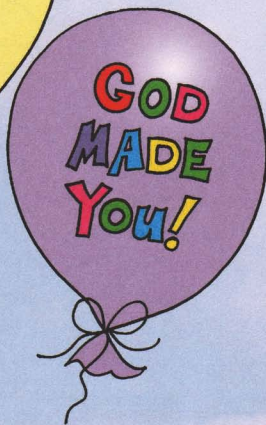
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Dear _____,

I look forward to being your teacher this year. Together with your new friends, we will have fun learning and celebrating many things. You are very special and God loves you very much.

Love,

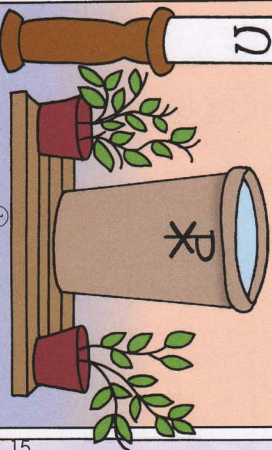




A Child's Baptism



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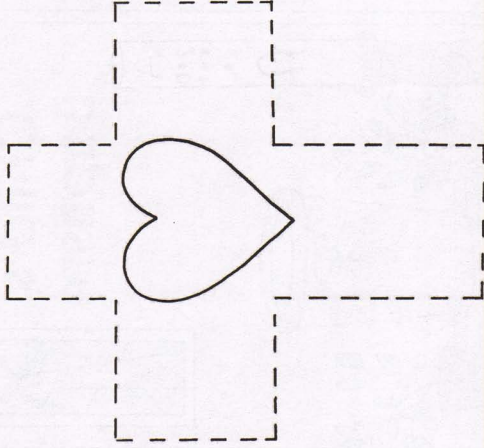


Note to Teachers and Parents:
Additional and important aspects
of the Sacrament of Baptism are
left for future religious instruction
when the child is older.



Belonging to God's Family

A family takes their child to church to be baptized into God's family. The priest or deacon welcomes the child by tracing the *Sign of the Cross* on the forehead and invites the parents and godparents to do the same. Making the *Sign of the Cross* is the way Christians (followers of Jesus) show that we believe in God and love God's son, Jesus, who died on the cross.

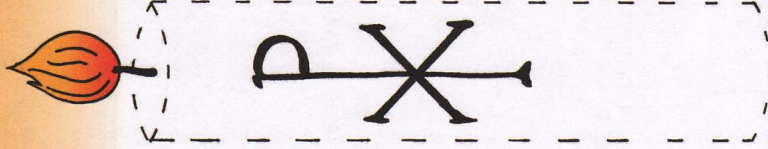


(Complete and decorate the cross.)

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The Baptism Candle

A candle is lighted during the Baptism ceremony. Candles give off light and warmth. A lighted candle reminds us of Jesus, who is true God and true man. Jesus calls us his friends. His words and actions guide us like a candle in the dark. The Baptism candle reminds us that our kind words and actions should be a light to others, too.



(Connect the lines of the Baptism candle.)

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The Baptism Gown

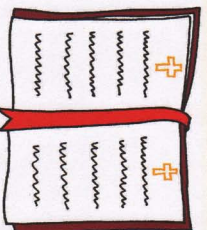
During the Baptism ceremony the child is presented with a little white gown. It is a symbol of Jesus' love for us. The white gown also reminds us that through Baptism we have become Christians (followers of Jesus) and should follow his examples of love and kindness to others.

(Connect the dots of the Baptism gown.)

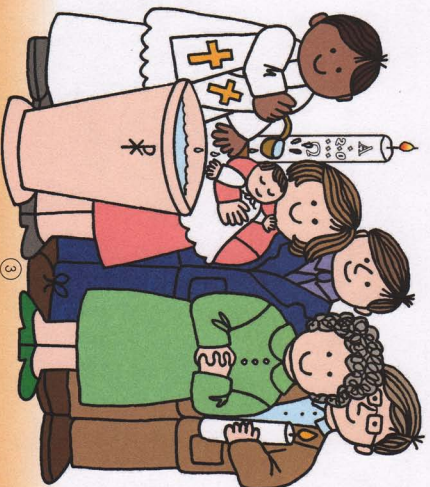
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The Baptism Words

The priest or deacon says the words of Baptism that Jesus told us to say:



"Name of
child, I baptize
you in the name
of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy
Spirit."



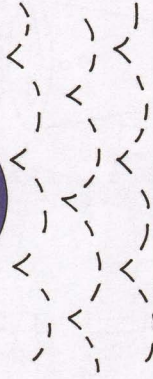
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The Baptism Water

While the words of Baptism are said, water is poured on the baby's forehead three times. Water is used because water is life-giving. People need water to live and to grow. The waters of Baptism are a sign that the child will always have God's love and help in life.

The waters of Baptism also show that the soul has been cleaned and washed of any sin. The baptized child shares in God's life.

Through Baptism the child has become a member of God's family, the Church, and a special friend of God's Son, Jesus, who is true God and true man.



(Trace and color the flowing water.)

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The Baptism Oil

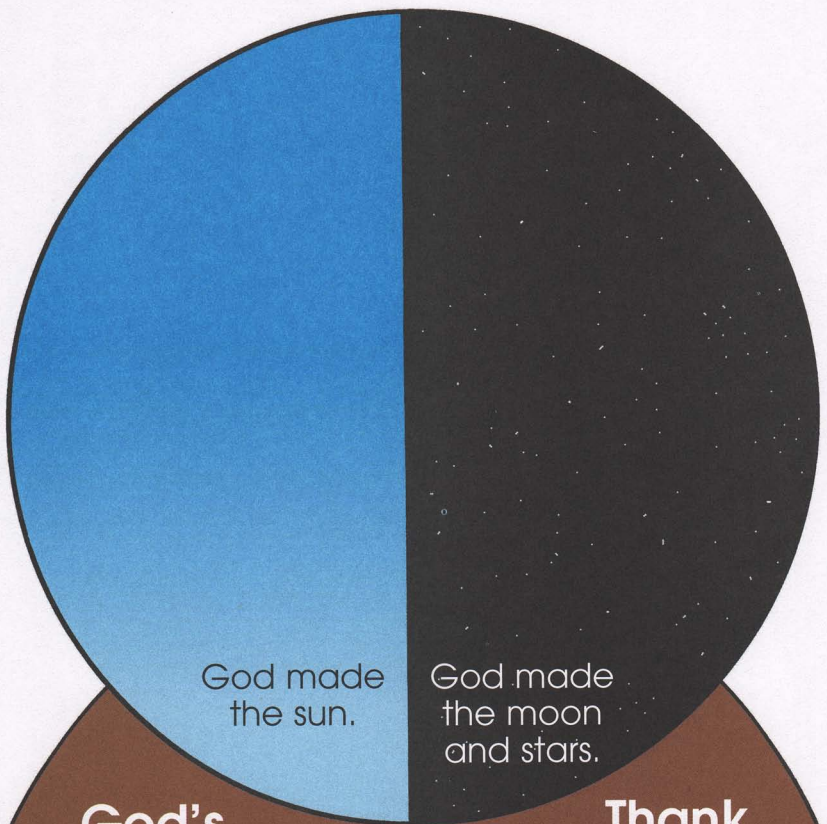
Chrism is a special sweet-smelling oil that is used during the Baptism ceremony.

The minister of the sacrament uses a little bit of the oil on his thumb to make the *Sign of the Cross* on the child's forehead.

Anointing the child with Chrism shows that through Baptism the child has the special gift of the Holy Spirit and is loved by God.



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God made
the sun.

God made
the moon
and stars.

**God's
wonderful
world.**

**Thank
you,
God!**

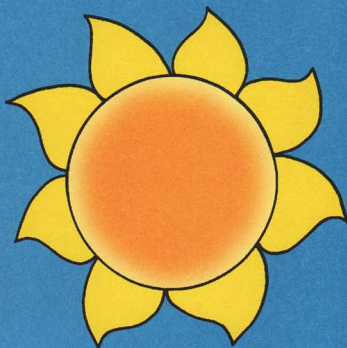
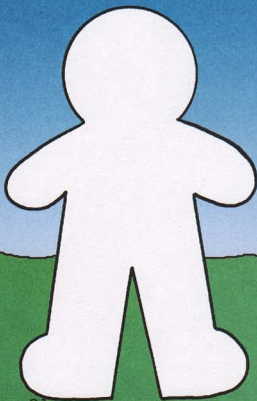
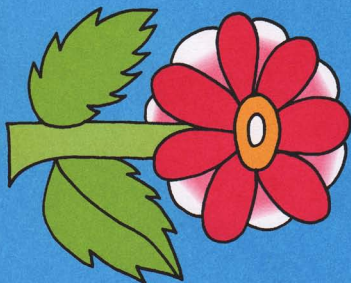
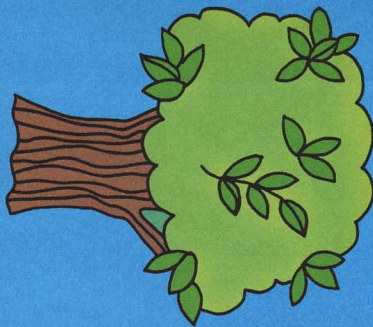
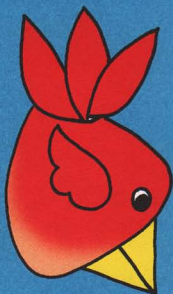


God made
the flowers.

God made
the trees.

**God's
wonderful
world.**

**Thank
you,
God!**



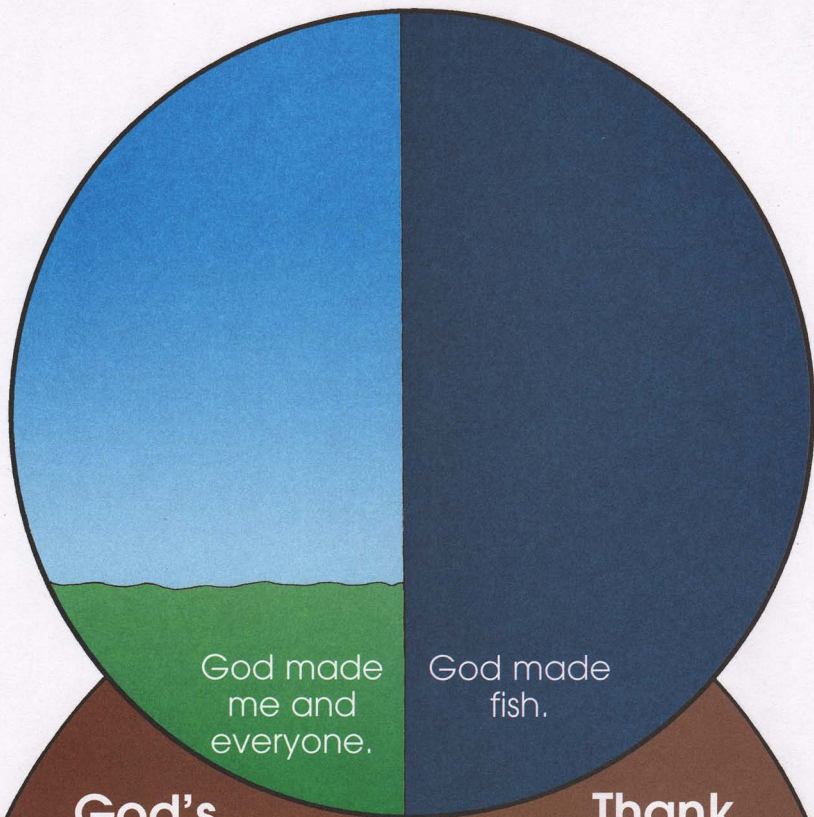


God made
the birds.

God made
the animals.

**God's
wonderful
world.**

**Thank
you,
God!**



God made
me and
everyone.

God made
fish.

**God's
wonderful
world.**

**Thank
you,
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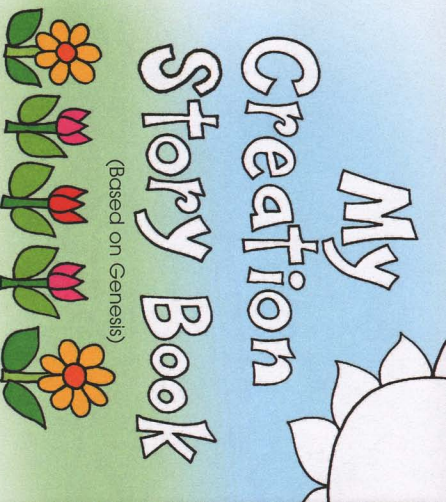
7. God created many kinds of people to enjoy and take care of the world. God liked everyone and everything he had made. God's gifts of creation are for all the people of the world to use and enjoy.

God is good. Let us give thanks! (Cf. Ps 100:4-5)

5. God created many kinds of fish to swim in the rivers, lakes, and oceans.



God is good. Let us give thanks! (Cf. Ps 100:4-5)



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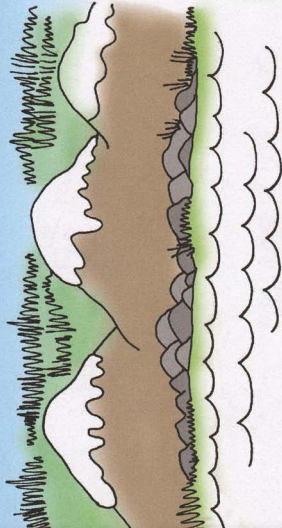
(Based on Genesis)

2. God created the sun, moon, and stars to give us light.



God is good. Let us give thanks! (Cf. Ps 100:4-5)

1. God created our planet Earth with air, land, and water.



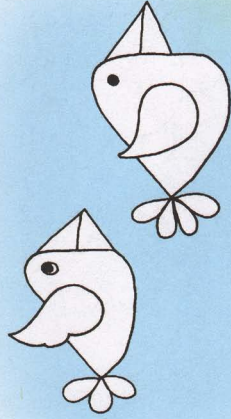
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6. God created many kinds of animals and insects to live on the earth.



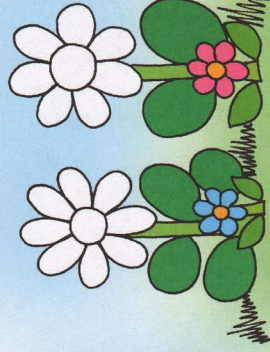
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3. God created many kinds of birds to fly in the sky.

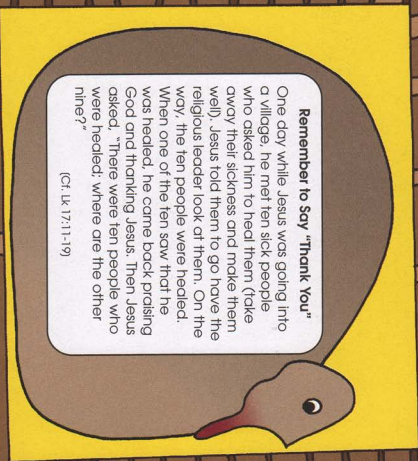
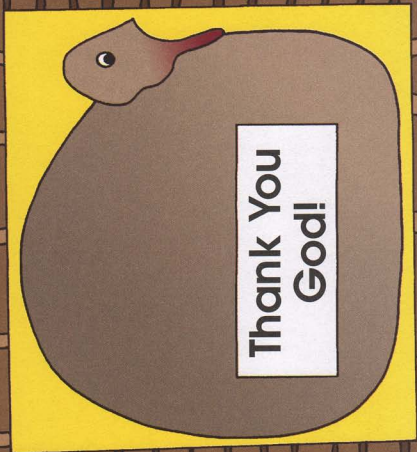


God is good. Let us give thanks! (Cf. Ps 100:4-5)

4. God created many beautiful flowers and trees to grow on the land.



God is good. Let us give thanks! (Cf. Ps 100:4-5)



for friends

for water

for families

for food

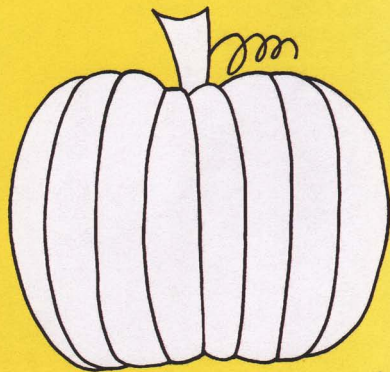
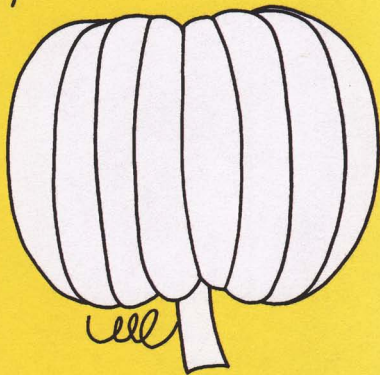
for clothes

for teachers

for animals

for relatives

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