

Your Baptism Day

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Share with each of your children the story of their baptism day to celebrate their new life in Christ and embrace their relationship with God as their Father and Creator.

For

Young Families

Season

Spring, especially around Easter

Needed

Recollection of the day your child was baptized, related memorabilia (baptism candle, vestment or gown, certificate, holy water), special dinner or cake or other treat, small gift (optional)



Prepare in Advance

- Recall the day your child was baptized and be prepared to relay the story
- Gather memorabilia and photos to share
- Plan dinner and/or dessert

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

Dear God, thank you for the gift of _____ being part of your family through his/her baptism. We are thankful for your parental love. We ask that you bless _____ and all of us today as we remember and celebrate his/her baptism. Amen.

2. Plan a special meal and/or a special dessert. Light their baptism candle, or another blessed candle, to use as a centerpiece.
3. Gather around the table for dinner and share the story of the child's baptism day:
 - What was the date? How old was the child?
 - Who are the godparents, and why were they chosen?
 - What did the child wear?
 - What church? Who was the presiding minister?
 - Did the child cry? Laugh?
 - What was the child's reaction to having water poured on their head?
 - Who attended the ceremony, family and friends?
 - Was there a party or reception?

4. Share any mementos from the day (photos, cards, etc.).

5. Say the following prayer before blowing out the candle.

Dear God, thank you for this celebration of _____'s baptism. Please continue to shower _____ with your love and grace to help him/her grow in holiness every day. Amen.

6. Variation: Consider making this an annual event on the anniversary of each family member's baptism.

