



## THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

MATTHEW 3:1-17

### GOAL

- ▶ To teach students the story of Jesus' baptism and the importance of being baptized themselves.

### WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Repentance:** showing sincere regret for wrongdoing and a commitment to not repeat the behavior.

### MEMORY VERSES

- ▶ **Matthew 3:17:** And behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

### OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read Matthew 3:1-17:** John the Baptist started a ministry in the wilderness, preaching repentance and baptism. Many people ventured out to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. As word spread about his ministry, the religious leaders came out as well, but they came out for show, not because they were truly repentant. John the Baptist warned the Pharisees that a man would come after him who would baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire. He continued his warnings saying that God would not be fooled by their act. Many who witnessed this wondered who John the Baptist was talking about. One day, as John the Baptist was in the Jordan River baptizing those who had come out to see him, a man from the town of Galilee appeared. John immediately knew who this man was: He was Jesus, the promised Messiah. Confused, John asked Jesus why He would ask him to perform His baptism, when John should be asking Jesus to baptize him. Jesus responded that it is right to do all that God requires. John the Baptist baptized Jesus, and as soon as he emerged from the water, the Heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove and came to rest on Jesus. Then, the Father's booming voice was heard from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



## QUESTION & ANSWER



**Q1a:** What message did John the Baptist preach?

**A1:** John the Baptist preached about repentance and baptism.

**Q1b:** What is baptism?

**Teacher Notes:** Let students explain their ideas of what baptism is. Explain that baptism is when followers of Jesus make a public declaration of their faith in Jesus Christ as their savior. To be baptized means that a person is fully submerged (dunked) in water or sprinkled with water on his or her head. The act of baptism is symbolic of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think of being underwater as being under ground in a grave and coming back up to the surface as Jesus rising from the grave. When we are baptized, we share in Jesus' death and resurrection.



**Q2a:** What were the religious leaders who came to the Jordan River to be seen by the people called?

**A2:** The religious leaders who came to the Jordan River to be seen by the people were called Pharisees.

**Q2b:** Why is baptism important?

**Teacher Notes:** Let students explain their ideas of why baptism is important. First, baptism is important because being a Christian means to follow Jesus. Jesus was baptized, so we should be as well. Second, Jesus told us to be baptized and to baptize others in His name; therefore, being baptized is an act of obedience. Third, baptism is an outward expression of our faith, love, and commitment to Jesus. After salvation, baptism is the next step.



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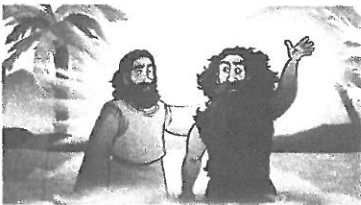
**Q3a:** What of the Messiah's would John the Baptist not be worthy to touch?

**A3:** John the Baptist would not be worthy to touch the Messiah's sandals.



**Q4a:** What town did Jesus come from?

**A4:** Jesus came from the town of Galilee



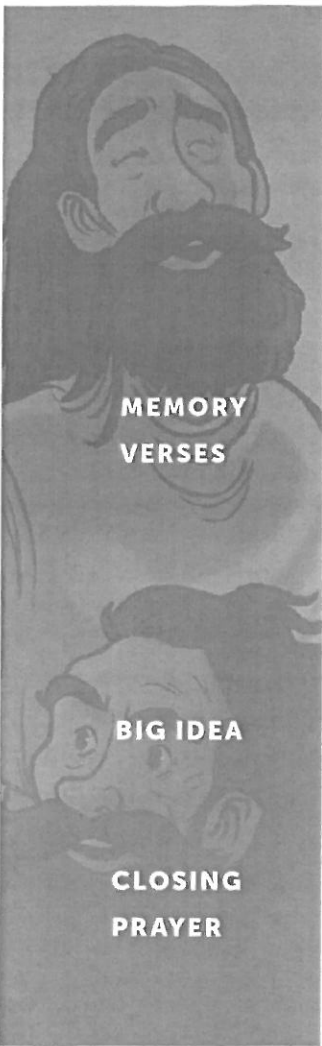
**Q5a:** What answer did Jesus give John about needing to be baptized?

**A5:** Jesus told John, "It is right to do all that God requires."



**Q7a:** In what form did the Holy Spirit appear?

**A7:** The Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove.



**QUESTION & ANSWER**

▷ **Matthew 3:17:** And behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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▷ Through baptism, Jesus entered into the world He came to save.

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▷ Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for accepting us into Your family through baptism. Thank You for sending Your Son to live as an example for us. Help us to live as closely to Jesus' example as possible. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## ANSWER KEY

### Across

- 4. John the Baptist wouldn't be worthy to touch the Messiah's **(Sandals)**.
- 5. When Jesus **(Rose)** from the water, the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven in the form of a dove.
- 6. Jesus was baptized in **(Obedience)** to the Father.

### Down

- 1. John the Baptist wore **(Strange)** clothing.
- 2. One day, a man from the town of **(Galilee)** came to be baptized.
- 3. John the Baptist **(Warned)** the Pharisees that God would not be fooled.
- 4. John was **(Shocked)** that Jesus asked him to baptize Him.

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**Matthew 3:17**

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**Family Devotional**



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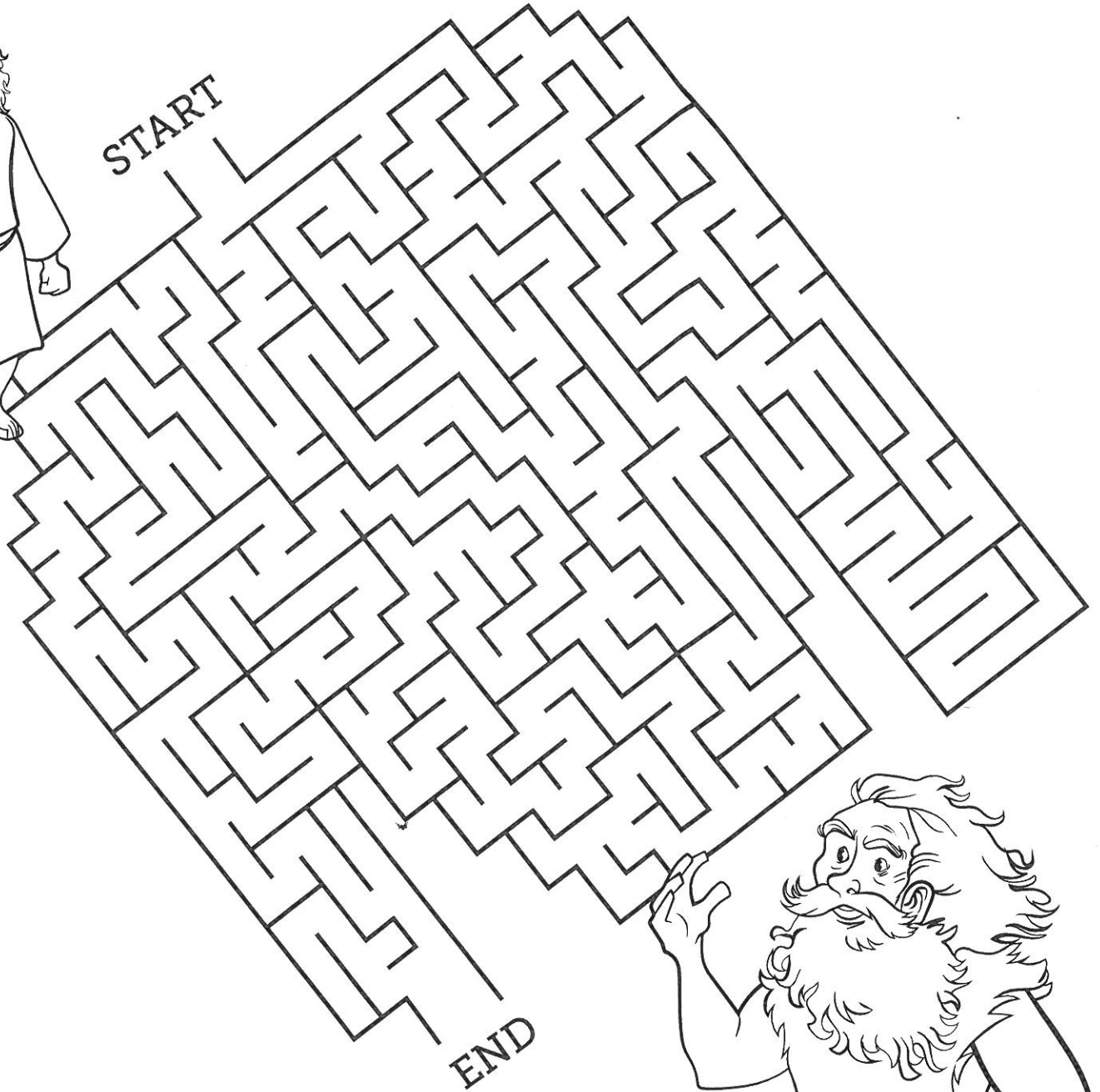
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# THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Help Jesus get baptized by John.



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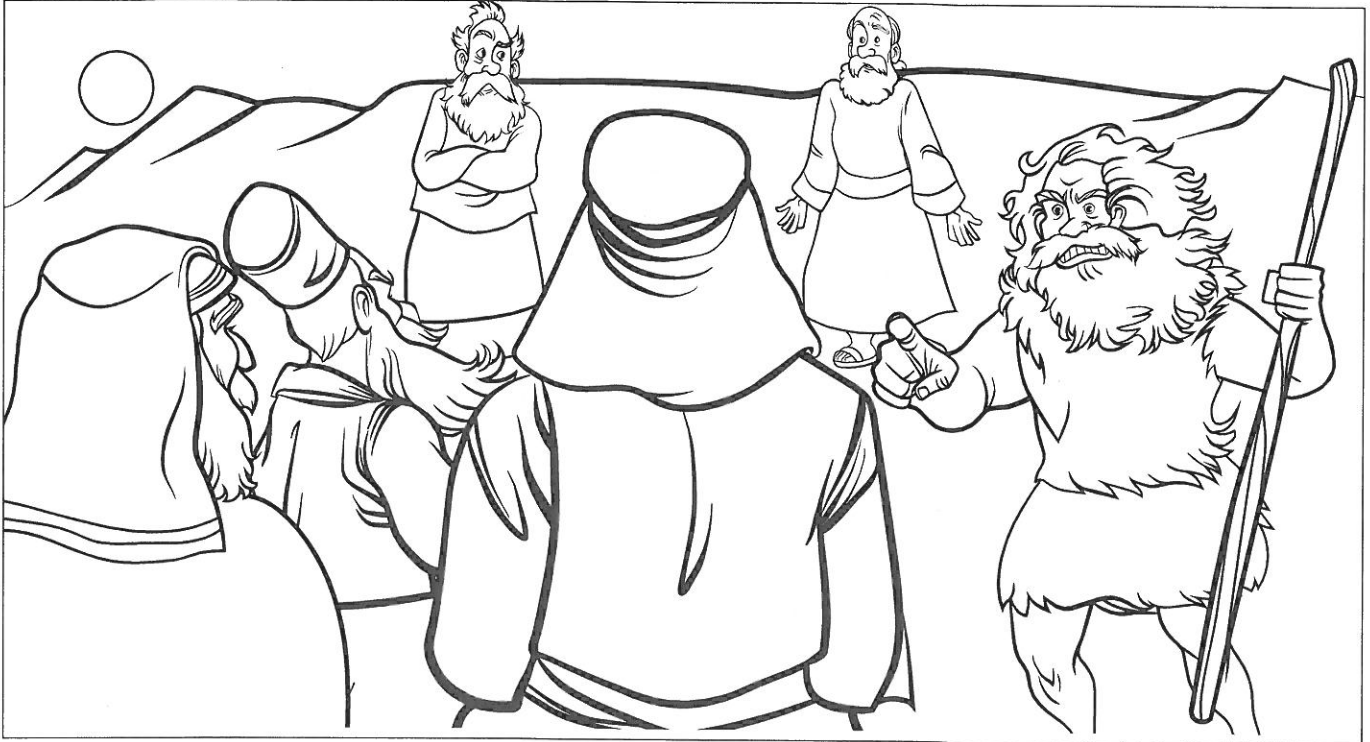


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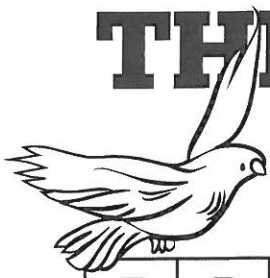


# THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Discover the hidden words.

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## Word Bank

SANDALS

ROSE

OBEDIENCE

STRANGE

GALILEE

WARNING

BAPTIZED

JOHN

JESUS

DOVE

HEAVEN

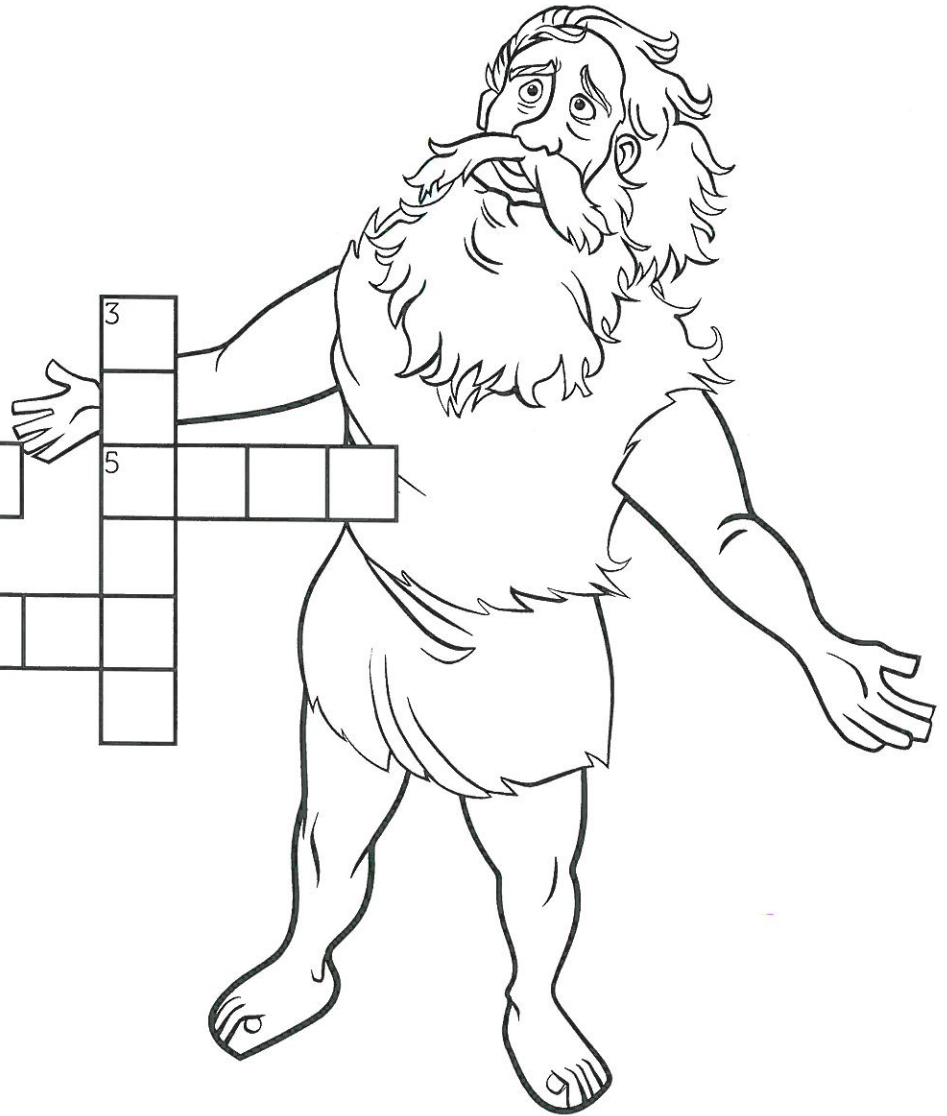
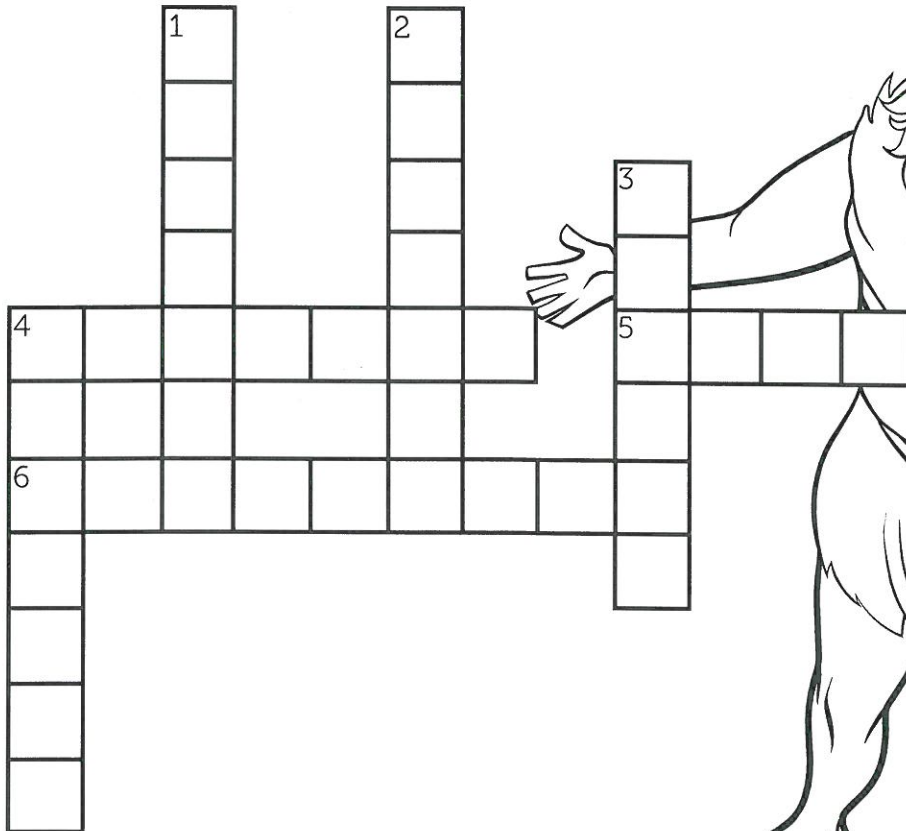
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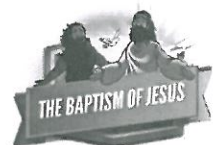


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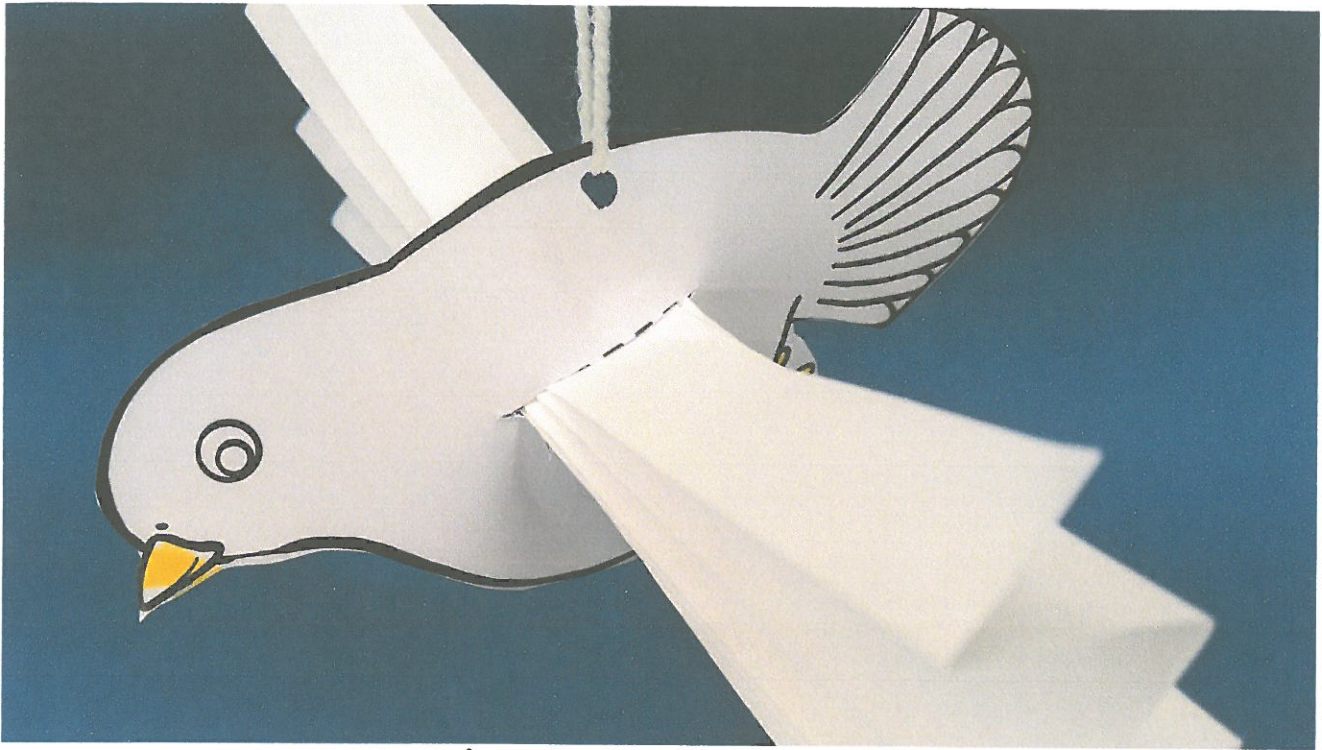
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6. Jesus was baptized in \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father.

### **Down**

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2. One day, a man from the town of \_\_\_\_\_ came to be baptized.
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# Dove Craft



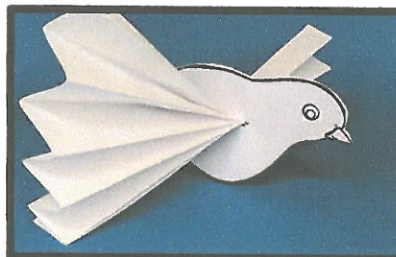
## What you need

Template (for best results print on card)  
Glue  
A sheet of paper  
Scissors  
Orange or yellow crayon or pencil  
String

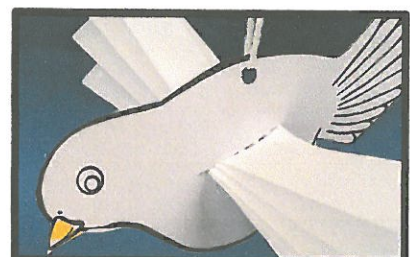
## What to do



Cut the dove shape out of the template. Glue both sides together. Carefully cut across the wing line.



Fold a sheet of paper like an accordion. About every 2 cm. Insert through dove to form wings. Make sure it's even.



Add some color to the beak and thread string to hang.

# Dove Craft Template

