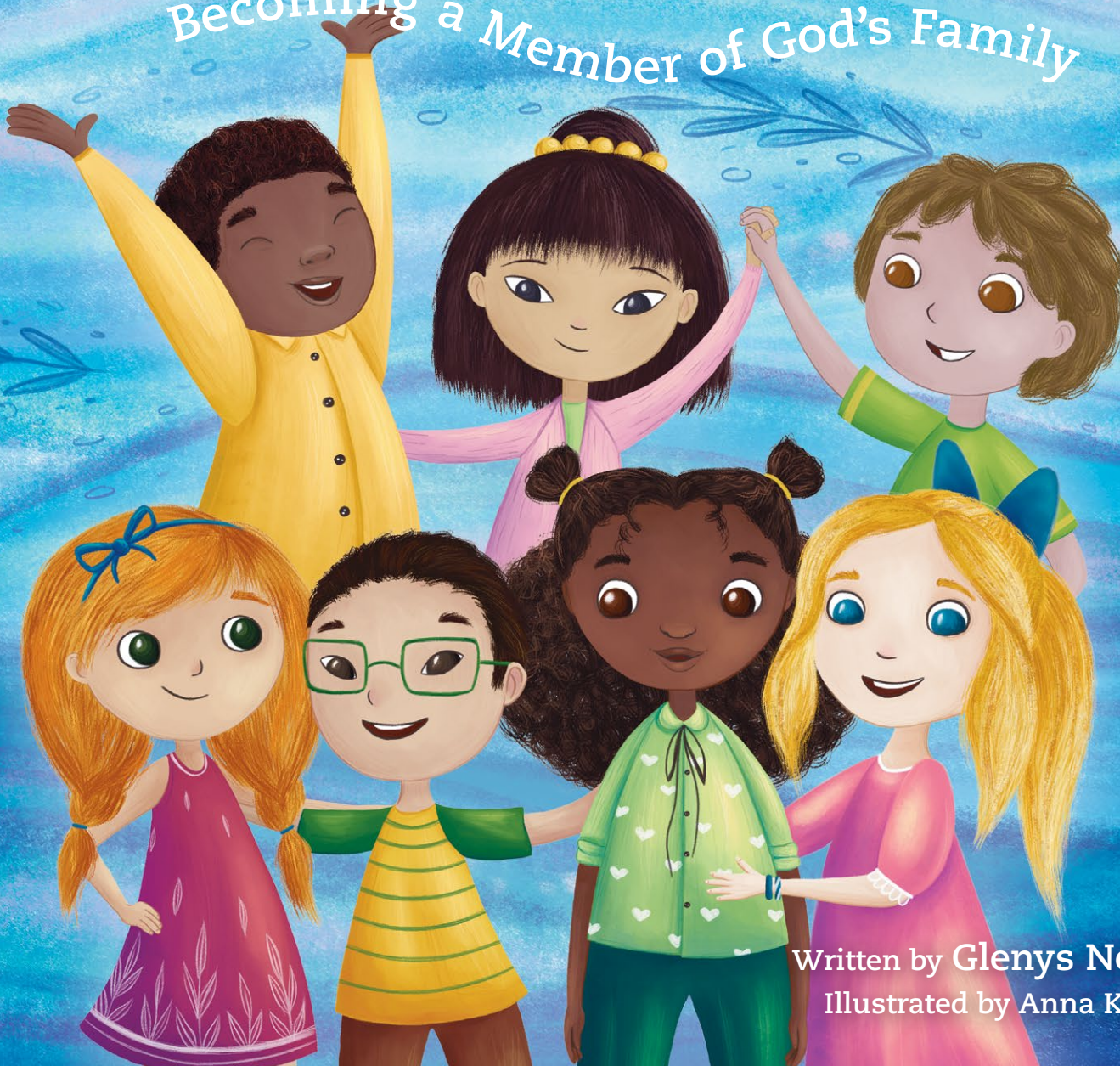


Baptized in the Water

Becoming a Member of God's Family



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ACTIVITY PACK

Five Tips for Talking to Children About Baptism

1. Explain that although there are many different ways, times, and places to be baptized, those differences are not really important. What matters is that in baptism, we all belong to God.
2. Tell the child that no matter how or where or when we are baptized, water is always used. Water is a powerful symbol in the Bible. Brainstorm together all the Bible stories you can remember that involve water. (The parting of the Red Sea/Baby Moses in the Nile/ Jesus' own baptism/ Turning water into wine/ The woman at the well etc.)
3. As you look at the pictures in the book, encourage the child's natural curiosity and wonder. 'Wondering questions' are a great way to allow the child to ponder the meaning and mystery of baptism. Examples might be:

I Wonder why Jesus decided to be baptized...

I Wonder why a dove flew down...

I Wonder why water is so important...

I Wonder how God feels when someone is baptized...

4. If your child has an opportunity to be present at a baptism, make sure they can hear and see what is happening. Initiate a conversation about it afterwards and encourage their questions. Ask how it made them feel/ how they think the person's family felt/ how the pastor might have felt.
5. If children have questions about baptism that you don't know the answer to, don't be afraid to say something like: That's a great question. I'm not sure. Let's ask our pastor about that.

Older children may like to compare the different gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism found in Matthew 3:13-17/ Mark 1:9-11/ Luke 3:21-22



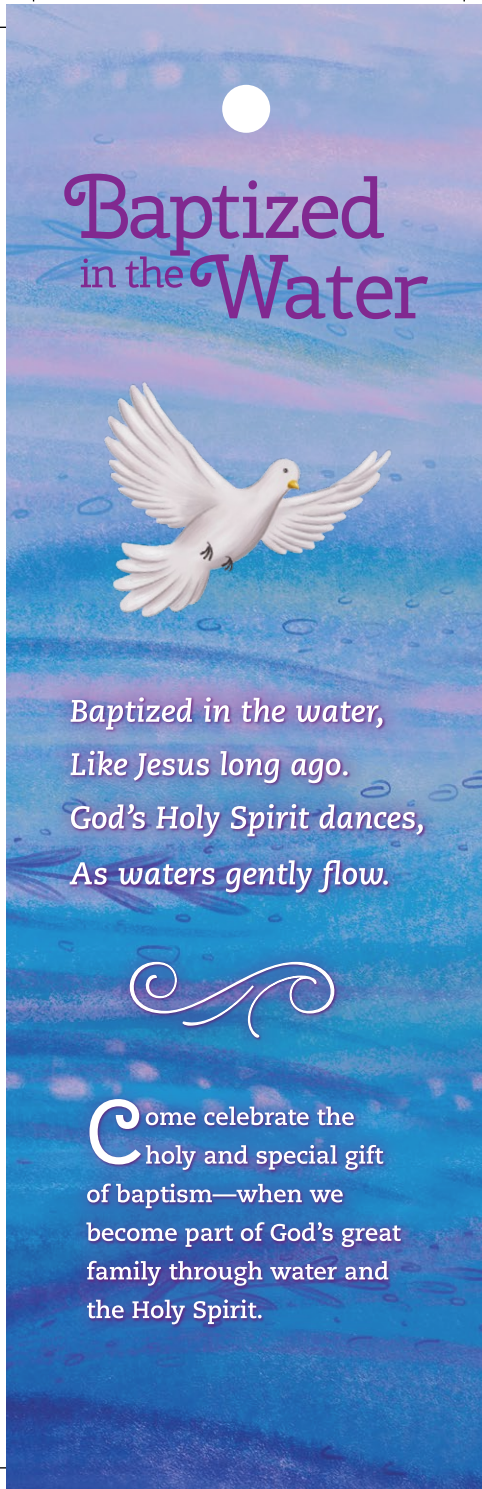
SIGNED BOOKPLATES

Cut out and glue inside the book.



BOOKMARKS

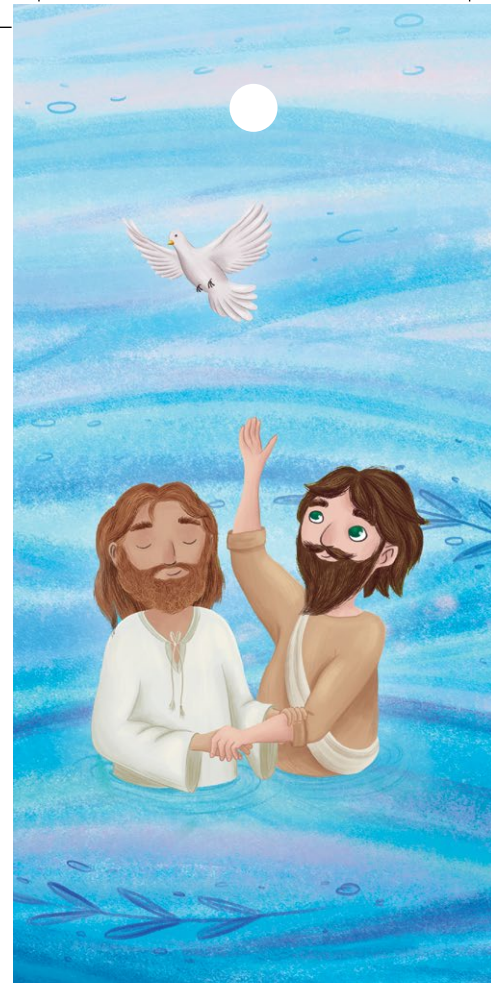
Cut out, punch a hole where indicated and thread a ribbon through.
(Lamination would make this a keepsake.)



Baptized
in the **Water**

*Baptized in the water,
Like Jesus long ago.
God's Holy Spirit dances,
As waters gently flow.*

*C*ome celebrate the holy and special gift of baptism—when we become part of God's great family through water and the Holy Spirit.



To: _____

From: _____

Baptized On: _____

By: _____

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

NAME

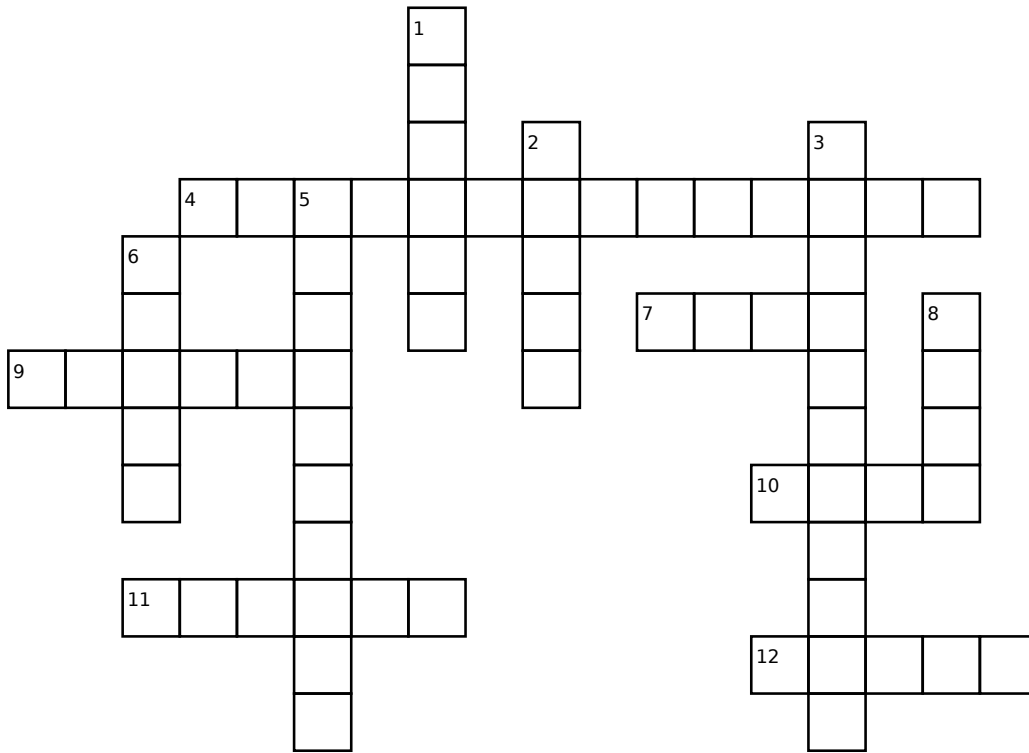


BAPTIZED ON

BY



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Down:

1. A church leader who baptizes people.
2. The number of children on the cover of the book.
3. The place where Jesus was baptized.
5. "We were all baptized by one _____."
6. We often sing these at baptisms.
8. The number of people holding hands on the last page of the book.

Across:

4. Who baptized Jesus?
7. A place outdoors where some people get baptized.
9. Baptism is a sign that we belong to God's _____.
10. This bird landed on Jesus when he was baptized.
11. A building where many people are baptized.
12. This is poured on a baby's head.



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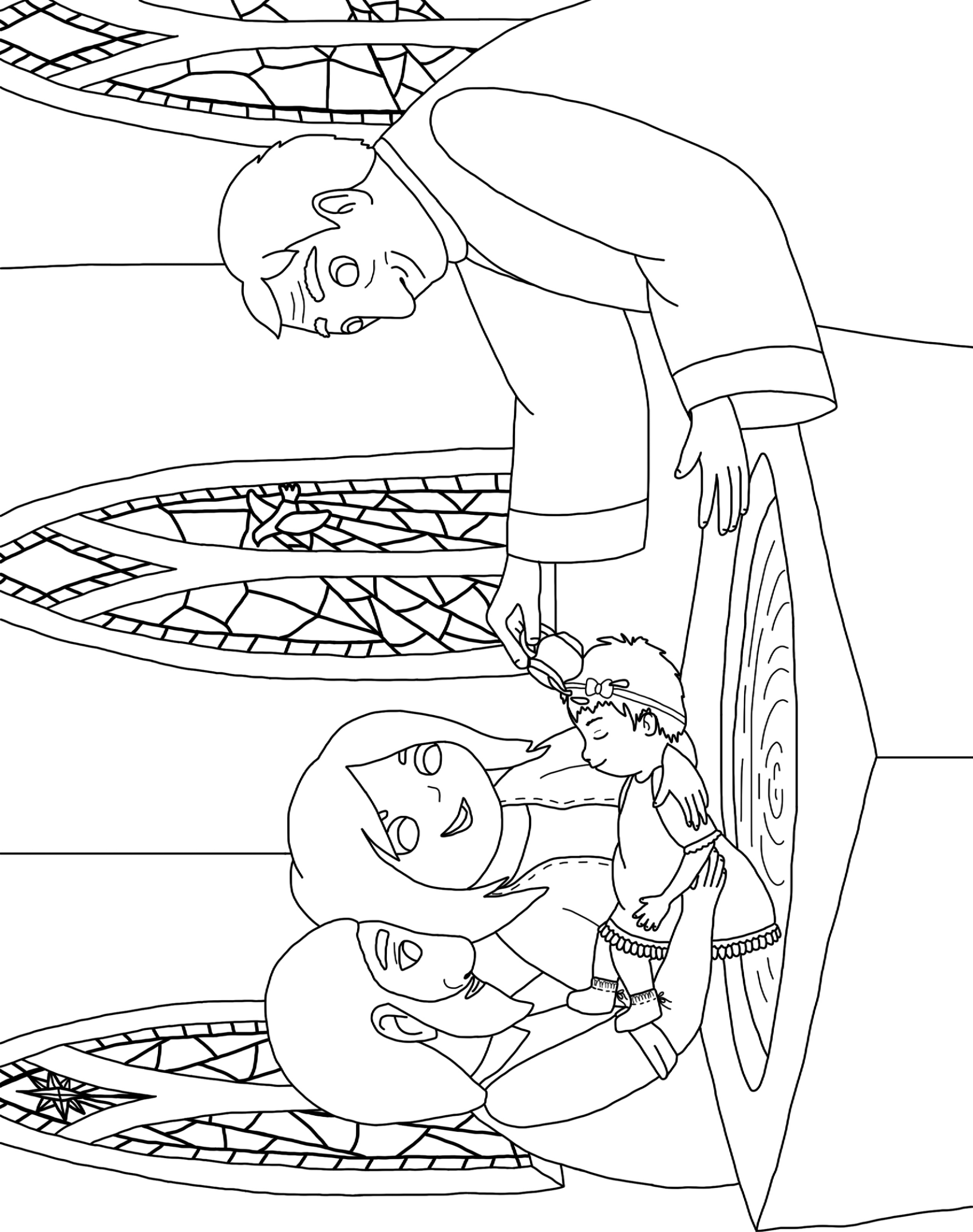
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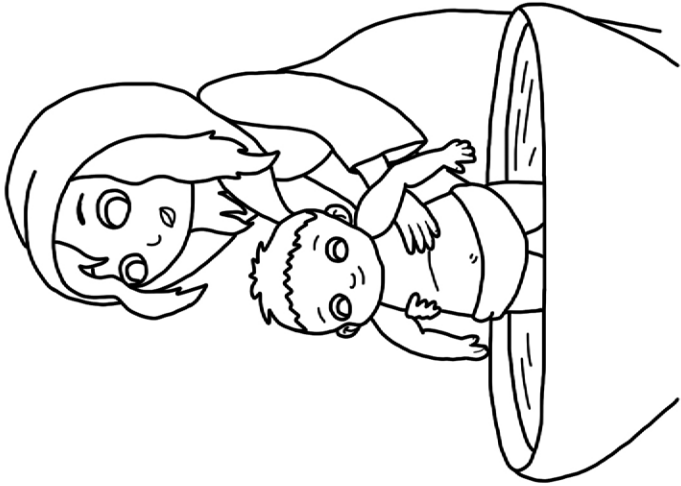
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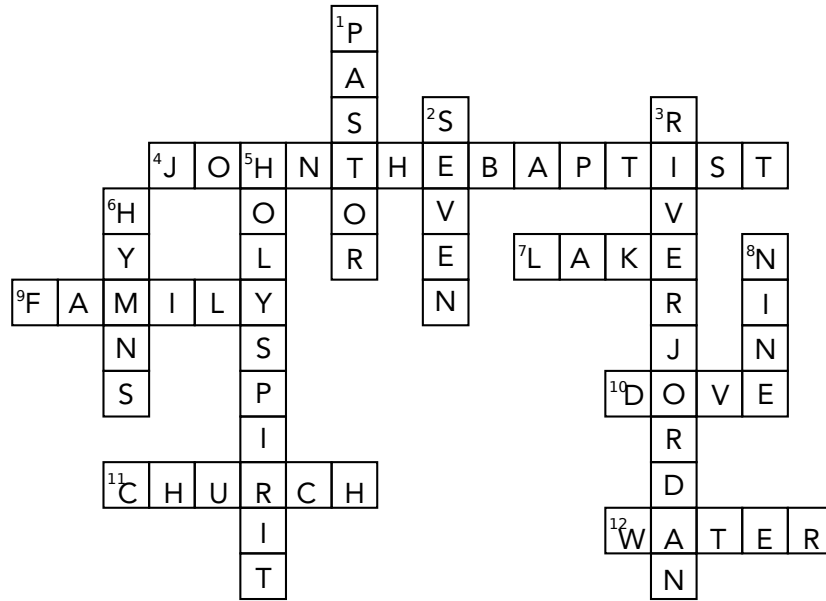






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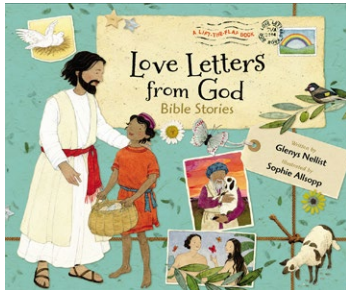
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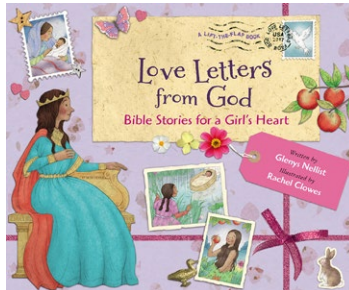
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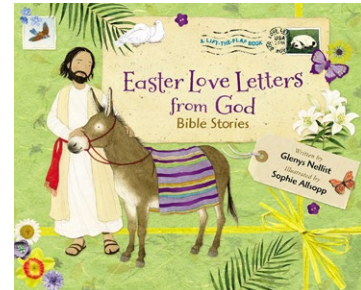
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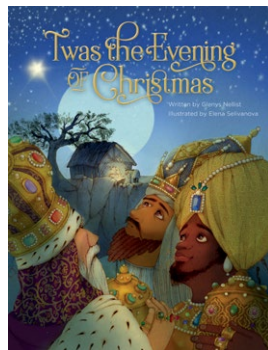
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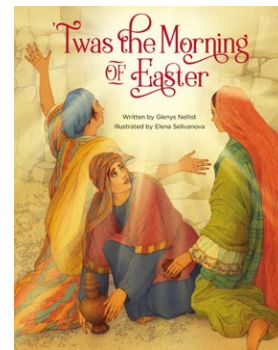
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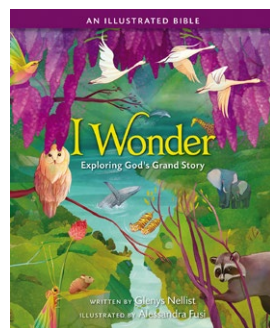
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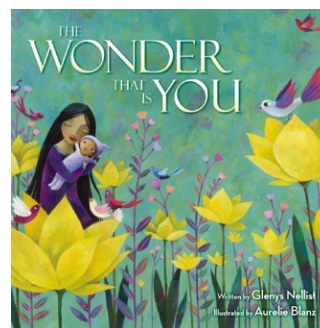
'Twas the Season of Advent



'Twas the Morning of Easter



I Wonder: Exploring
God's Grand Story



The Wonder That is You



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