



## Faith Formation

*"Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the convictions that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound means of human freedom." ~ St. Pope John Paul II*

# Catechist Resource

## Sacraments of Initiation

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### Help Links:

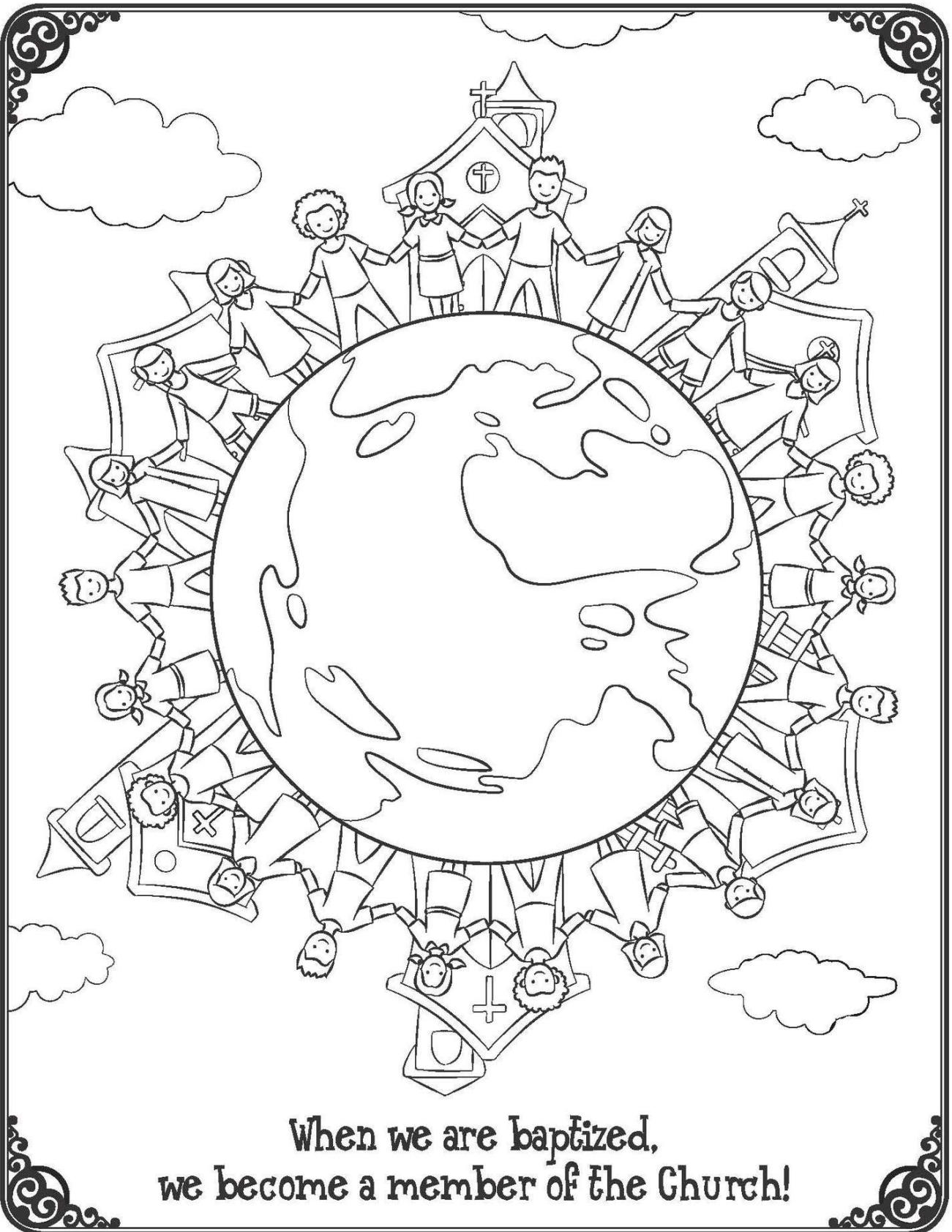
- [USCCB](#)– Baptism and Christian Initiation– This has a great explanation of the foundation of Christian Baptism as well as ways to pray, learn, and act on that foundation.
- [USCCB– Baptism Incorporated into Christ's Body, Set on Christ's Mission](#)– This 2 page article is a great resource on how to embrace our Baptismal Calling and do the work of Christ.
- [USCCB– Confirmation](#)- This has a great explanation of the foundation of Confirmation as well as ways to pray, learn, and act on that foundation.
- [USCCB– Confirmation: Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action](#)– This 2 page article is a great resource on how to embrace our commissioning through Confirmation and do the work of Christ.
- [St. Mary's Press– Confirmation](#)– This is a complete lesson, including power point presentation on the Sacrament of Confirmation
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### Suggestions and considerations for inspiration

- How do Baptism and Confirmation link
- Is Confirmation the end of our learning as Christians?
- How do I serve God through these Sacraments?
- Why do we recite our Baptismal Promises during the Easter Season?

### Musical or Video References:

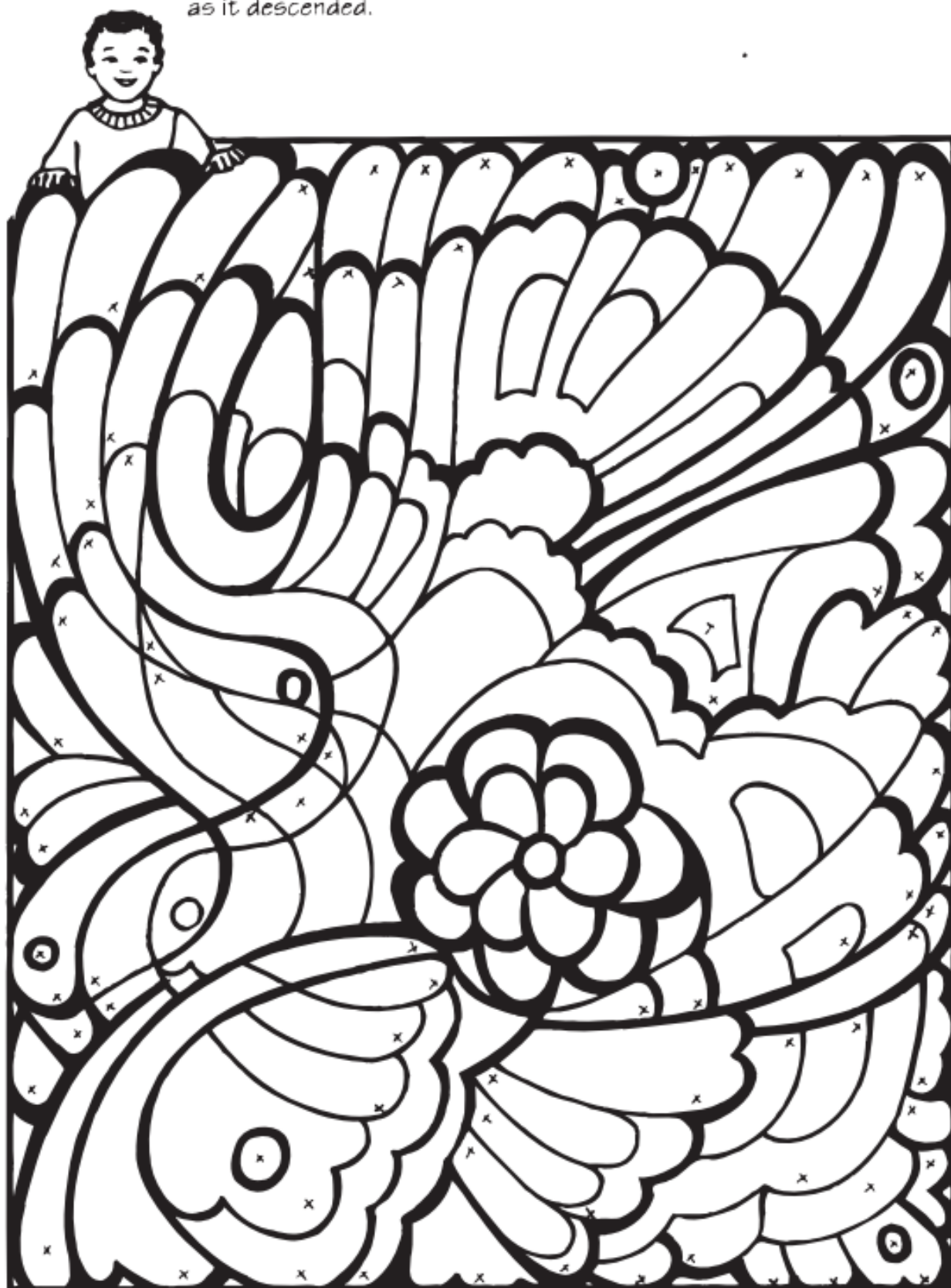
- [Holy Spirit– Kim Walker-Smith](#)
- [Confirmation \(Why We're Confirmed\)](#) St. Mary's Press Video
- [Start a Fire– Unspoken](#)
- [The Importance of Confirmation](#)– C4:Ignite Your Faith Video



When we are baptized,  
we become a member of the Church!

## Jesus' Baptism

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. God spoke from heaven and said he was well pleased with his beloved Son. The Spirit of God descended upon Jesus. Color in all the areas marked with an x to find out what form God's Spirit took as it descended.



# The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



- \_\_\_ 1. The liquid used to baptize someone.  
A. wine B. vinegar C. honey D. water
- \_\_\_ 2. The river where Jesus was baptized.  
A. Nile B. Amazon C. Jordan D. Danube
- \_\_\_ 3. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.  
A. John B. Peter C. Matthew D. Paul
- \_\_\_ 4. To pardon for sins.  
A. forgive B. sin C. repent D. dove
- \_\_\_ 5. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.  
A. water B. wine C. honey D. milk
- \_\_\_ 6. To break one of God's commandments.  
A. sin B. baptize C. repent D. forgive
- \_\_\_ 7. To turn away from sin.  
A. repent B. forgive C. baptize D. preach
- \_\_\_ 8. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.  
A. voice B. wind C. dove D. locusts
- \_\_\_ 9. The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. river B. voice C. repent D. dove
- \_\_\_ 10. To admit that you have done wrong.  
A. baptize B. confess C. dove D. voice

# remembering my Confirmation

Ask the following questions of three Catholic adults. You may want to tape record their responses, with their permission, or take notes in a small notebook. Be sure to begin each section by stating or writing the name of the person being interviewed.

Afterward, spend some time quietly reflecting on your Confirmation experience and answer the handout questions for yourself to the best of your ability.

1. When and where were you confirmed?

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2. How did you prepare for Confirmation? Check any of the following that you participated in and briefly describe the experience:

- ☐ classroom instruction or other religious education  
☐ retreats  
☐ service projects

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3. Name the people involved in preparing you for this sacrament.

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4. Who was your sponsor? Why did you choose this person?

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5. What themes or lesson topics do you remember from your preparation?

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6. Describe the actual event of Confirmation. What details do you remember? the symbols? the homily? the music?

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7. How would you describe the significance of this sacrament in your life—then and now?

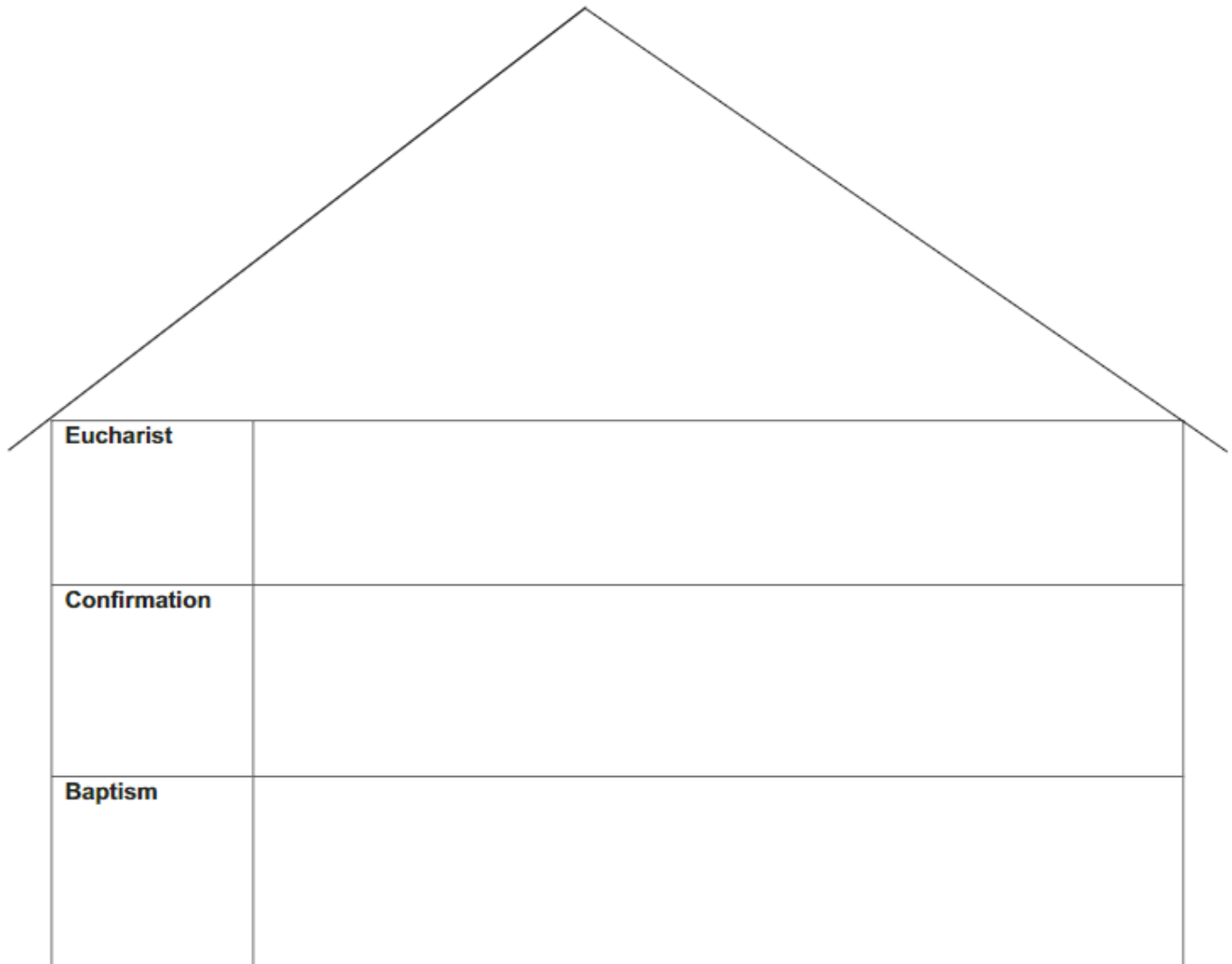
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# Sacraments of Christian Initiation: The Foundation of Our Vocation

With your group, "build" the foundation of the Church by describing how each Sacrament of Christian Initiation helps those who are initiated to authentically live their Christian vocation. Write your group's response in the box for each Sacrament.



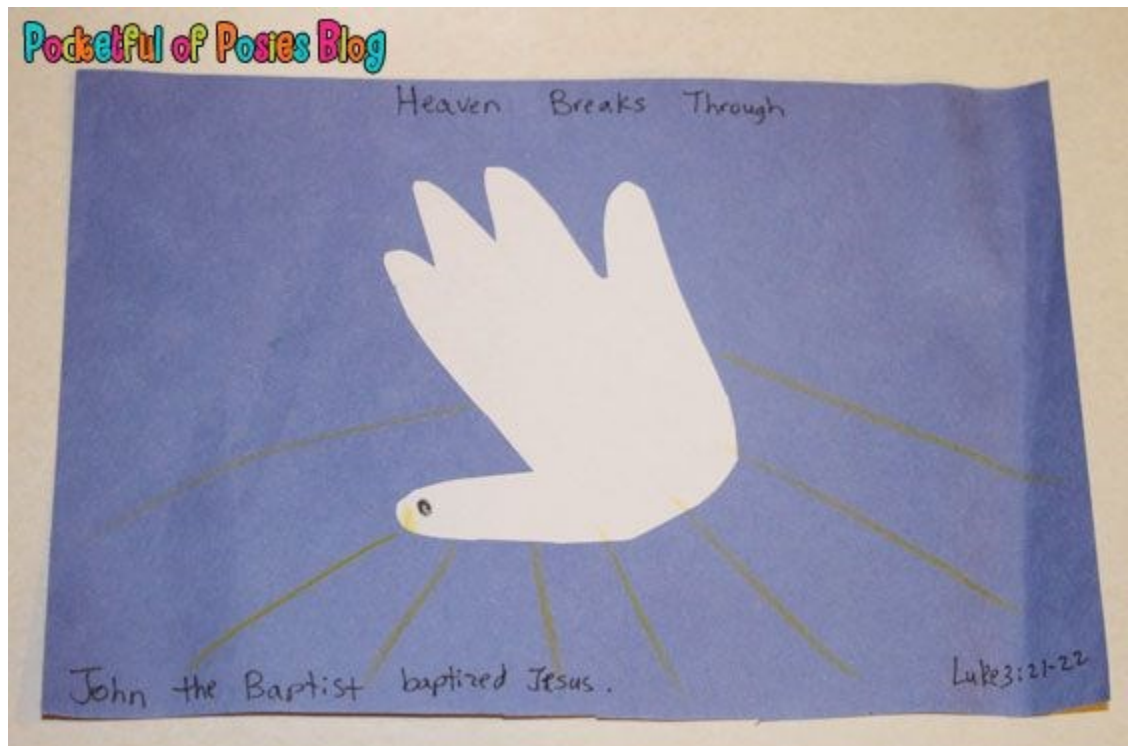
<b>Eucharist</b>	
<b>Confirmation</b>	
<b>Baptism</b>	

# HOLY SPIRIT DOVE CRAFT



*Catholic  
Icing*









# 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.



