Jesus is baptised

Up until the age of thirty, Jesus worked as a carpenter in the family business. He was then prompted by God through the teaching of his cousin John, to begin his own teaching ministry.

John was called John the Baptist because he invited those who responded to his teaching to show their commitment to God by being baptised in the River Jordan . Jesus asked John to baptise him as a sign that he was ready to do this new work for God and God responded with a dove, a sign of the Spirit of God, and words that declared for all to hear, 'This is my own dear Son in whom I am well pleased'. Jesus knew then that he was doing exactly what God wanted him to do.



Story: Jesus is Baptised - Superbook

Craft: Make a picture like this one showing Jesus being baptised. You can use the template provided if you like, or you can draw your own picture.

Song time: Our God is a great big God - Vineyard Worship

Today men and women, boys and girls get baptised in response to God's love and to say publicly that they now see themselves as part of God's family and want to follow Jesus.

Have you been baptised? Was that recently or as a baby? Do you want to learn more about Jesus and follow him?

Prayer time:

Thank you Father God that we are part of your family and loved by you.

Thank you that we are all special,

and have a special part to play in caring for your world.

Thank you for every moment when we know

that we have done something special

and know that you are pleased with us. Amen

Song time: God's Family - Tommy Walker

Activity: Make a paper chain of people. using paper cut out shapes dress them to look like each of your family. Or perhaps make a 'Family tree' like this.







Cut out the two panels of water, colour them in and then stick each of them on to a piece of card, which has an opening cut into it between the panels. Stick one panel above and one below the opening.

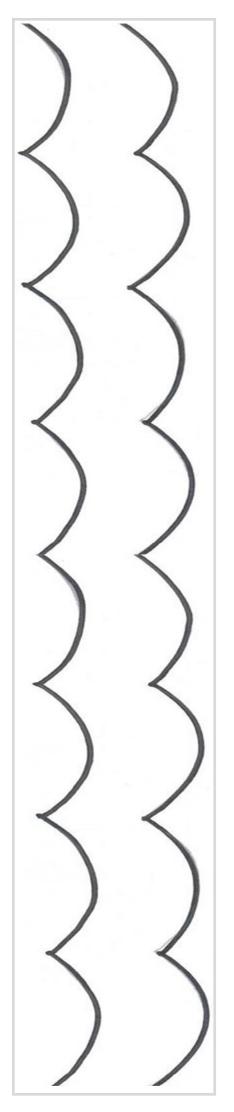
Cut out and colour in Jesus and using glue attach him to the lolly stick.

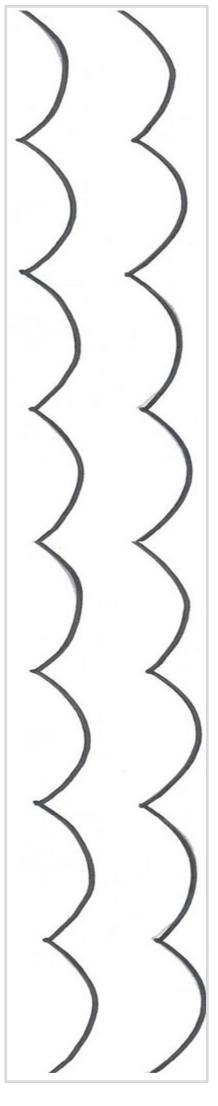
Place Jesus in the water with the stick through the opening.

As you move the stick up and down think about Jesus being baptised by John.

What did God say?

Now stick the dove on to your picture.





Paper Chain Family

