

# Baptism of Christ

Bartolome Esteban Murillo, ca. 1655, oil on canvas, Staatliche Museum, Berlin, Germany



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Prayerfully look at the above picture and quietly reflect and answer questions together. Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

**Let's pray together:**

***Dear God, as we look at this beautiful work of art, remind us that when we were baptized, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit were there.***

*Look carefully at this painting. (Pause.) Notice that John the Baptist is pouring water over Jesus' head while Jesus is being baptized.*

***Do you see the bright glow from the clouds in Heaven above Jesus? (Pause.) This glow reminds us that God the Father is present.***

*Notice the dove flying above Jesus. (Pause.) The dove reminds us of the love and peace of the Holy Spirit.*

***Do you see that Jesus is humbly bowing to be baptized in the Jordan River? (Pause.)***

*When Jesus was baptized, God the Father said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). When we are baptized, we become a son or daughter of God.*

***Dear God, thank you for the gift of Baptism so that we can become your children. Amen.***