

Baptism

Pietro Longhi, 18th century, Galleria Querini-Stampalia, Venice, Italy



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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, help us to remember always to invite you into our hearts.

Look carefully at this painting. (Pause.)

In the center of the painting we see a baby who is being baptized.

Notice the water that the priest is pouring over the baby's head. (Pause.)

The water reminds us that when we are baptized, our sins are washed away.

- *Every time someone is baptized, someone becomes a child of God and God's love grows in their hearts.*
- ***Do you want God's love to grow in your heart? (Pause.)***

Let's close our eyes now and invite God into our hearts. (Pause.)

Dear God, please come into my heart and allow your love to grow in me so that I can share it with others today. Amen.