



Youth Bulletin

Baptism of Our Lord

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Today's lessons:

- Isaiah 43:1-7 God promises his people Israel that even if they have to go through water, fire and death, he will be with them because they are special to him.
- Psalm 29 This psalm praises God's powerful voice, connecting it with a number of natural phenomena, for example a storm over the water.
- Acts 8:14-17 In the Acts of the Apostles we learn how the word about Jesus Christ spreads. When the apostles hear about people in Samaria who had become Christians, they send Peter and John to see what's going on. It turns out that these Samaritans had a Baptism, but without receiving the Holy Spirit...
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 While people are still wondering whether he might be the promised Messiah, John the Baptist tells them about the real Messiah who will be far more powerful: Jesus, the Son of God.

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Saved through Water

What God said to Jesus at his Baptism, you find in the Gospel today. But God speaks to us, too, at our Baptism, when he saves us through water. What he says to us in our Baptism, you can find in today's lesson from Isaiah:

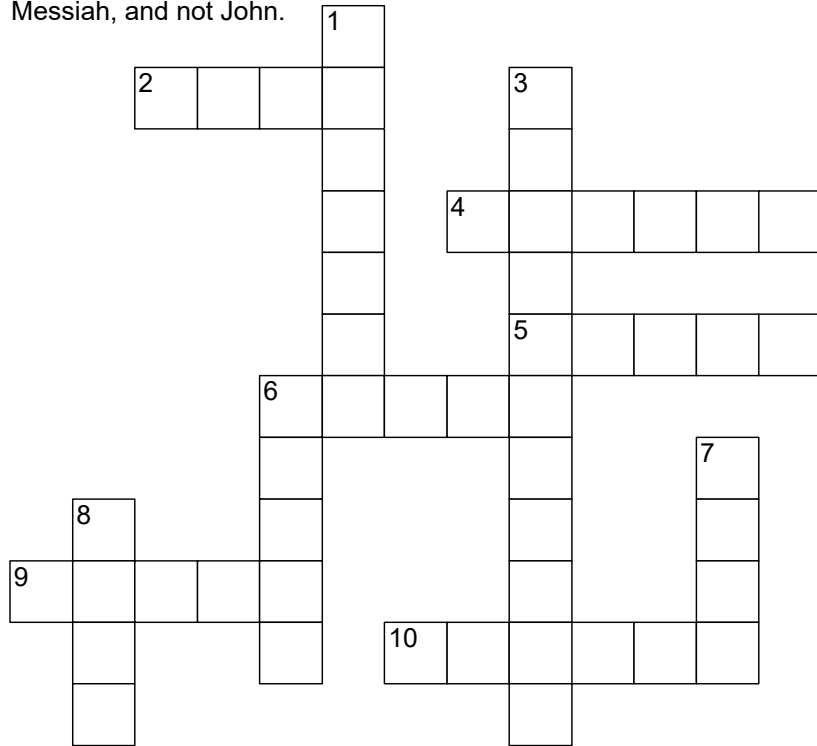
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The Baptism of Jesus

The Baptism of Jesus seems unnecessary, if you think Baptism is just providing forgiveness of sins. After all, Jesus was free of sin. But by getting baptized Jesus fulfills God's promise to be with his people, going through water and death. So Jesus' Baptism shows that really he is the Messiah, and not John.



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- 2 form the Holy Spirit took when it came down on Jesus
- 4 third person of the Trinity
- 5 covers grains
- 6 kind of grain
- 9 sound produced by using the vocal cords
- 10 human beings

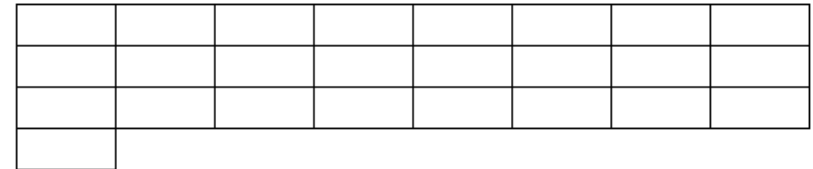
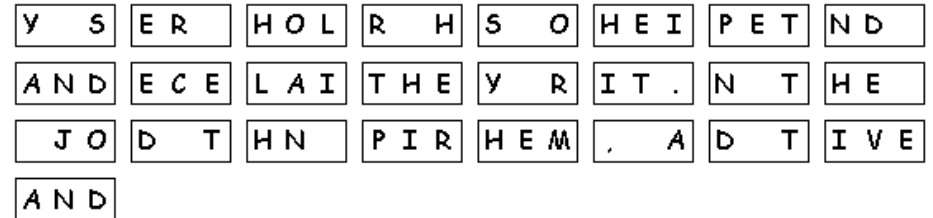
Down

- 1 Hebrew word for 'Christ'
- 3 hope
- 6 element used in baptism
- 7 manifests itself in light, flame and heat
- 8 name of the man who baptized Jesus

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A Gift Received at Baptism

The Samaritans in Acts 8 learn that there is more to Baptism than water and the name of Jesus. If you put the letter tiles here in the right order, they tell you what is it the Samaritans are lacking and how they get it.



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Just listen!

In our psalm today trees and mountain hear:

"DEVOTE THE RICH FOOL."

No, the Rich Fool is of course a parable from the New Testament.

And the problem there is that he was not devoted.

What trees and mountains and Jesus and we, too, really hear is:

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