

CHRIST CHURCH  
BECKENHAM  
**KIDS**

## 17th May | Jesus' Baptism

This week we are thinking some more about the Holy Spirit in the lead up to Pentecost. Today we are looking at Jesus' baptism and how we are part of the BIG family of God.



### MATTHEW 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River and wanted John to baptise him. But John tried to stop him, saying, "Why do you come to me to be baptised? I need to be baptised by you!" Jesus answered, "Let it be this way for now. We should do all things that are God's will." So John agreed to baptise Jesus.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Then heaven opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with him."

- Why do you think John didn't want to baptise Jesus at the start?
- Why do you think God's Spirit was "like a dove"?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be God's Son?

### JESUS' BAPTISM

I wonder what you already know about baptism? You may remember people being baptised in church, or been at the baptism of friends or brothers or sisters... You might even have pictures of your own baptism.

Jesus' baptism is so important because it is the start of all the things that Jesus goes on to do in our Bibles. After being filled with the Holy Spirit (when he descended like a dove onto Jesus) Jesus then begins his ministry.

In baptism we make a public claim to turn away from sin (when we do things that separate us from God) and say that we are a follower of Jesus. When babies get baptised their parents make a promise to raise their child to be a follower of Jesus. In the Church of England if you were baptised as a baby or child you can confirm the promises your parents made over you in a service we call confirmation.

At Jesus' baptism God says:

"This is my son, whom I love."

Isn't it great that God loves us in that way too? When we follow Jesus and accept what he's done for us we are called children on God (John 1:12.) The Church is God's BIG family!

### WATER INSTRUMENTS

The weather forecast looks like it will be great to be outdoors this coming week, so it's always a good time to have a play with water!

Even if you don't have your own garden, there will be a bit of grass or pavement to try this fun experiment. It's probably best to be outdoors just in case you have a spillage! So here we go!

First fill 6 glass jars or bottles with water in increasing amounts. Then, just for fun (it doesn't alter the experiment!) add some food colouring (or you could use anything you have indoors e.g. paint, a swirl from a felt pen, squash)

Now gently tap the sides of the jars and hear the different music notes. If you adjust the quantity of water in each you can actually make it play notes in a chord. Now there's a challenge!

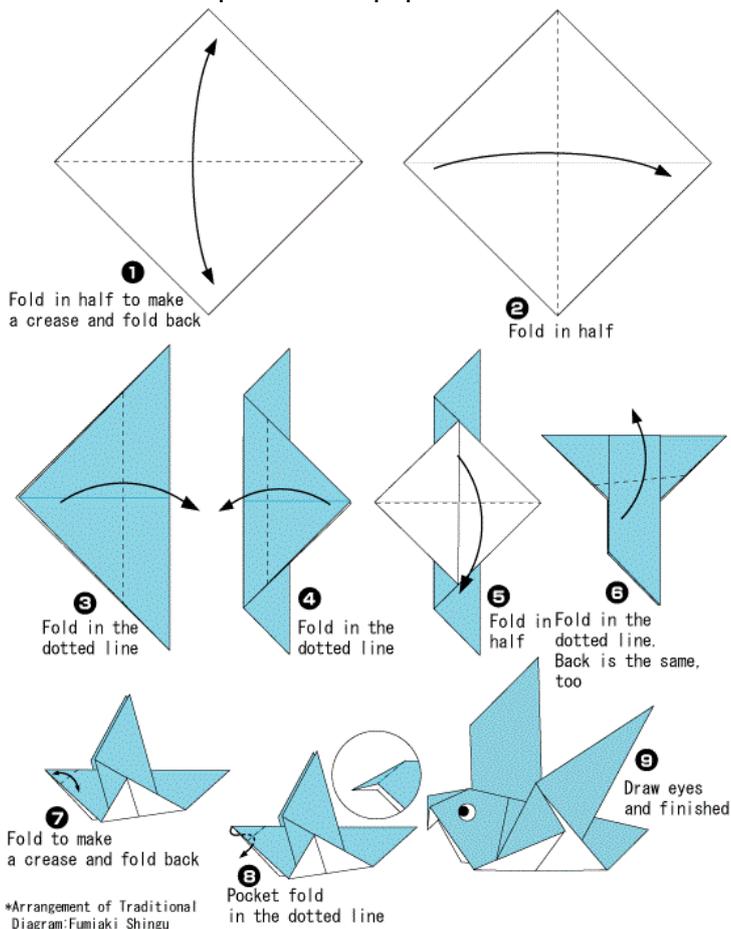
Do let us know how you get on!



## ORIGAMI DOVE

Have a go at this origami dove. It can be a bit tricky so you may want some help from an adult.

You'll need a square bit of paper.



## DOVE PAINTING

As the Holy Spirit descended like a dove onto Jesus we are reminded that the dove is a symbol of peace.

Why not make a dove using your hands...

This can be done simply by drawing round your hand on white paper cut out and add eye and beak, or it can be a handprint using white paint on maybe blue paper and add eye and



## THE BIG FAMILY OF GOD

Over the next few weeks while lockdown continues why not send a little letter or card to someone in our church family? Then get it delivered by post or drop it through the letter box. (Remember to follow all the advice we are being given.)

## DECODE THE STORY

Using the code, work out the words from the story.

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6. 2-10-9-2 .....
7. 4-26-11-17-20 .....
8. 1-17-26-21-17-9 .....
9. 21-9-10-5-17 .....
10. 16-17-2-13-2 .....

## THY KINGDOM COME

As I said at the start of this activity pack this series on the Holy Spirit is going to end with the day of Pentecost. In the 10 days that lead up to Pentecost the global church celebrate by praying one prayer for 10 days: Thy Kingdom Come.

There are loads of resources available. We'll keep you more up to date in the coming weeks but in the meantime, feel free to check out their website and download the apps that are available.

Check out the website [HERE](#).

## WORSHIP

It's so good to praise God with songs and actions. Why not end this resource with some worship music. Here's a few ideas or you can check out our [PLAYLIST](#)

### [THE BIG FAMILY OF GOD](#) [BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE](#)

We have also put together a Dropbox folder of the songs you may know and love from Junior Choir and Climbers. You can check that out here: [Dropbox Folder](#)

Helen has even recorded some new songs too! Check them out [HERE](#).

We would love to see any of the crafts or things you've done from today's resource. Comment with them on Facebook @cbeckenhamkids or email [ed@ccb.org.uk](mailto:ed@ccb.org.uk)

## PRAYER

Let's say this prayer together:

Dear God, thank you for making us part of one BIG family and thank you for loving us as your children.

We're sorry for when we do and say things that are wrong. Please teach us how to love others as you love us.

We thank you that your Holy Spirit is here for each one of us ready and waiting to fill us to be more and more like you.

Amen.