

# Holy Baptism

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Water is used to baptize us because it cleanses us of our sins and Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Baptism is God's way of showing that He loves children and that they are very important members of His family.

1.

The Priest blesses the water and oil to make them holy.

2.

The Priest anoints the child with Holy Oil as a healing.

4.

The Priest anoints the child with Holy Chrism while saying: "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit". This is the Sacrament of Chrismation.

3.

The Priest puts the child in the water three times while saying: "The servant of God (name) is baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen".

5.

The Priest, godparents with the child walk around the Font three times. This is when the child actually takes his first steps as a new Orthodox Christian.

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## Jesus Wants us to be Baptized

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* Matt 28:19

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.  
The letters in the square complete the message in the pink box.

Father walk holy Chrism Christian anoints

1. The Priest baptizes the child in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
2. The Priest \_\_\_\_\_ the child with Holy oil.
3. After the child goes in the water, he is blessed with Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We are baptized to become \_\_\_\_\_ Orthodox.
5. The Priest, the Godparents and the child \_\_\_\_\_ around the Font three times.
6. The Priest blesses the water and oil to make them \_\_\_\_\_.

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Baptism is how we become part of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**PRAYER – Baptismal Hymn**

*As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.  
Alleluia.*

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## {Teacher's Edition}

**Lesson Objective:** To have children become familiar with the service of the Holy Baptism.

### Introduction:

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### Bible Reading:

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### Highlights:

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3. The Priest puts the child in the water three times while saying: "The servant of God (name) is baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen".
4. The Priest anoints the child with Holy Myrrh while saying: "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit". This is the Sacrament of Chrismation.
5. The Priest, godparents with the child walk around the table three times. This is when the child actually takes his first steps as a new Orthodox Christian.



### Activity:

Have children complete the fill-in-the-blanks using the word bank, then use the letters in the boxes to complete the message in the pink box.  
FAMILY

### Prayer:

#### Baptismal Hymn

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.  
Explain to the children that this is the hymn that is sung after the child is taken out of the water.