

Baptism in Scripture

In preparation for the baptism of your child or godchild, we invite you to spend time together in prayer and reflection on baptism in scripture. This is not an exhaustive list, rather a beginning place to consider how your family's story is part of the bigger story of the people of God throughout time.

As you read, consider:

- What do you notice in these accounts?
- What do these stories tell you about Jesus? About God?
- Do you see yourself in these stories?
- How might these stories shape how you think about the upcoming baptism?
- How might these stories change how you see yourself as a child of God?

Jesus' baptism by John (*choose one*)

- Matthew 3:1-17
- Mark 1:1-11
- Luke 3:3-22

Jesus' command to baptize, teach, and share out in the world

- Matthew 28:1-20

Stories of baptism and conversion (*choose one*)

- Nicodemus, being born of water and Spirit - John 3:1-6
- Ethiopian official - Acts 8:26-40
- Cornelius and whole household - Acts 10
- Baptism of Jesus' death - Mark 10:39, Romans 6

