

BAPTISM I

NATURE OF BAPTISM

RELATE

What's your favorite thing to do with water? Make a list as a group of the 5 best things you can do with water.

READ AND REFLECT

Read Matthew 3:13-17, then discuss the questions below.

- Why did Jesus come to the Jordan River?
- How did John react to Jesus' request?
- Who all was present for the baptism of Jesus? *Hint: Check Matthew 28:19*
- **Picture It**– Imagine you are a spectator at Jesus' baptism.
 - What are you thinking as the scene plays out?
 - Describe the sounds you hear as the scene plays out.
 - What sorts of conversations are you having with the people around you?
 - A friend heard something amazing happened while John was baptizing people earlier in the day. They know you were there, and ask what you saw. What would you tell them?
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said He should be baptized to “fulfill all righteousness?”

RESPOND

Choose one of the following resolutions to keep until the next class:

- Talk to your Parents and/or Sponsors (Godparents) about your baptism. What was it like? Who all was there? When was it? What scripture was read at the worship service?
- When you take a shower each day, thank God for washing you clean of sin in your baptism.
- When you are tempted to sin, remember your baptism and who you are in Christ.



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