

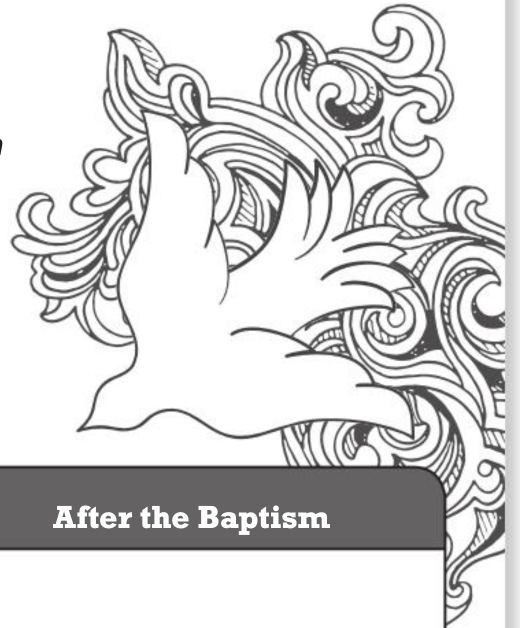
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Jesus' Baptism

At his baptism, Jesus accepts his mission as Messiah. Our Baptism commits us to reach out to others, witnessing to God's love and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

Directions: Use a Bible to read the Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism. Then complete the chart.



Account	John's Meeting with Jesus	After the Baptism
<p>Matthew 3:13-17</p>		
<p>Mark 1:9-11</p>		
<p>Luke 3:21-22</p>		
<p>John 1:29-34</p>		

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Art Print 11 shows a man sowing seeds, hoping they will grow strong to resist pests, disease, and drought. What can we do to grow and nurture seeds of faith that help us resist temptation?

Nurturing the Seeds of Faith

When Jesus fasted in the wilderness, the Devil challenged him to turn stones into loaves of bread. Jesus, however, resisted this temptation because he was fed by God. We too can resist temptation by nurturing our faith. Jesus understands the temptations we face because he experienced and resisted temptation himself. He relates the importance of a nurtured faith in a parable through the analogy of a seed.

A seed sown in fertile soil will grow strong—resisting disease, drought, and pests—until it can produce seeds of its own, many times over.

adapted from Matthew 13:23



Jesus' parable teaches us that by giving our faith a fertile place to grow and by nurturing it to become strong, it will in turn help us resist life's temptations. Strong faith helps us overcome temptation, and every time we overcome temptation, our faith becomes more deep-rooted and grows stronger.

Growing Strong Faith

We all face temptation from time to time. In these moments, we can draw strength from our faith. Answer the questions below about growing your faith.

1. We nurture our faith by giving it a fertile place to grow. How can you do this in your own life?

2. Jesus said that a strong faith will help resist temptation. How has the strength of your faith helped you resist temptation?

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A. Write *T* or *F* to indicate whether the sentence is true or false.

1. _____ The Gospels tell us about the life of Jesus and his role as our Savior and Redeemer.
2. _____ Jesus understands our difficulties when we face temptation because he faced temptation too.
3. _____ All the Gospels were written simultaneously.
4. _____ In the parable of the sower, only the seed sown in rich soil flourishes and bears much fruit.
5. _____ The Apostles' successors, the bishops and the pope, continue to pass on the Good News to us today.
6. _____ For 100 days, Jesus remained in the desert, living among wild animals.
7. _____ Jesus' baptism is an epiphany, or the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God.
8. _____ Jesus had a ministry, which is service or work done for others.
9. _____ In the desert, Satan urged Jesus to compromise his relationship with the Father or to live by values that would be completely different from those of the Father.
10. _____ Matthew and Mark are the authors of the first four books in the New Testament.
11. _____ Jesus used parables to explain his teachings further and to answer questions.
12. _____ The Gospel writers, also called the Magisterium, wanted to preserve the teachings of Jesus for future generations.
13. _____ Temptation is an attraction that can lead us closer to God.
14. _____ In the desert, Satan enticed Jesus with five temptations.
15. _____ The Church recognizes four events in the life of Christ that qualify as epiphanies.

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B. Why did Jesus often speak in parables? How did parables play an important role in Jesus' teaching?

C. Everyone at one time or another has been tempted. Even Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert. Think of a time when you have been tempted. How were you able to resist the temptation? How do you think the Holy Spirit helped you resist? What advice would you give someone to resist temptation?
