

CHRIST'S BAPTISM, TEMPTATIONS, & MINISTRY

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



JESUS' BAPTISM

Read: Orthodox Children's Bible Reader page 178

We see the Holy Trinity depicted in the icon of Theophany. We see God the Father at the top center of the icon, "Then a voice from heaven was heard saying, 'This is My beloved Son.'" We see the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove above Jesus' head. The Holy Trinity is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do you see St. John the Baptist in the icon? What is the name of this river?

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GOALS

What is Theophany?
How do we handle temptation? Christ is our physician.

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AT CHURCH

Theophany is a major feast day.
We go to Confession for healing.

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AT HOME

Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving



Class routine:
Move my photo from "home" to "church"



Class routine:
Light a candle - respectfully prayerfully without playing



Class routine:
Venerate our icon



Sing "Lord have mercy" in English, Greek, Arabic, Romanian

JESUS IS TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL

Read: Orthodox Children's Bible Reader
page 180 - 181

JESUS IN THE SYNAGOGUE

Read: Orthodox Children's Bible Reader
page 181

NARRATE BACK TO ME

As we have the kids tell the story back to us, they learn to organize the events that took place, the sequence, and many of the details. Then they have to articulate it out loud. Have you ever told someone, "I know what I want to say, I just don't know how to put it into words." Summarizing the story back to the teacher helps the child: 1) Remember the story and store it in long term memory 2) Learn to articulate their thoughts into words (This is something we learn through practice.)



MAJOR FEAST DAYS

File Folder Activity

We have now learned about the Annunciation, Nativity of Christ, the Presentation of Christ into the Temple, and the Baptism of Christ.

Another name for the feast day of the Baptism of Christ is Theophany.

Remove the icons of the Annunciation, Nativity of Christ, the Presentation of Christ into the Temple, and the Baptism of Christ before class. When it's time for the activity, ask, "Please find the icon of the Annunciation. Now find the icon of the Nativity of Christ...Now place them in the correct pocket. I'll come around the room and help you."

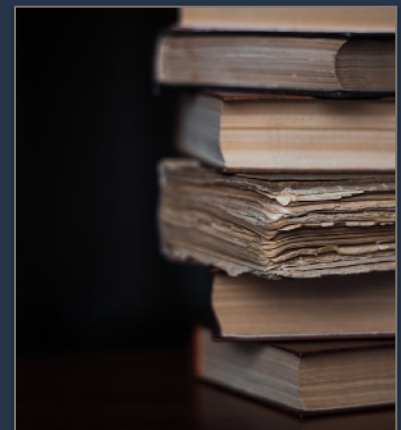
EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor
by Fr. Lawrence Farley pages 88 - 114

The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke
by Blessed Theophylact pages 44 - 55

God, Where is the Wound: Healing Remedies for Today's World
by Schemanun Siluana Vlad

Search the Scriptures Live Podcast: [Temptations in the Christian Life](#)
by Dr. Jeannie Constantinou



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AT HOME

FOR PARENTS

Here is where we need to help people to not think that “the demons are now imprisoning people.” I prayed a lot about this, I said: “God, what is it with these devils that enslave us? Didn’t You already free us? And I received an answer from a story in the Paterikon: “An Elder sees a demon dragging a

Christian by a chain. And the Elder: ‘You wretched creature, this is God’s image, and he is baptized, how do you dare keep him in chains?’ And the demon replies: ‘Father, are you blind? Don’t you see that I am only dragging the chain, and he is holding on to it?’

Schemanun Siluana Vlad

God, Where is the Wound? Healing Remedies for Today’s World

HOME ACTIVITY #8

Read and discuss together:

- *The Many Tunics of Christ* from Newrome Press (available in our church bookstore)
- *The Icon of Theophany* by Trisagion Films (YouTube)



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