

# Baptism

This ritual will review the Rite of Baptism in a simple form.

Supplies needed: Baby doll, bowl of water, small bowl of oil, candle, white cloth, vestments

Note to Catechist: The following is a revised, shortened version of the Baptism Rite. Ask questions as you go along. Most of the children have witnessed a baptism at mass.

Assign each person one of the following:

- Celebrant (remind the boys and girls a Deacon or a Priest can do this sacrament. Show the celebrant ahead of time how to cup his hand to pour water over the baby.)
- Parents
- Two God-Parents
- Church Community

## Ritual:

Gather in a semi-circle and follow the script

### Celebrant:

Dear Parents and God-Parents: You have come here to present this child for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit she/he will receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew the vows of your own baptism:

Do you reject sin and profess your  
faith in Christ Jesus?

### All:

We do!

### Celebrant:

Do you believe in God, the Father  
almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?



**All:**

We do!

**Celebrant:**

What do you name this child?

**Parents:**

Name

**Celebrant:**

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father (pour water over the head), and of the Son (pour water over the head), and of the Holy Spirit. (pour water over the head)

(Pick up bowl of oil, with finger, place oil on baby's chest) As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body.

**All:**

Amen

**Celebrant:**

(Place white cloth on baby.)

Name, you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ.

(God-parent brings candle to celebrant)

Receive the light of Christ. This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.

Let us welcome our newest member. (Everyone claps)