

# Kids Celebrate Baptism

- ☞ Before or after worship, take children to your church's baptismal font and invite them to touch the water. Show them how to use their wet fingers to make the sign of the cross on their foreheads.
- ☞ When a baptism is happening at worship, try to sit where children can see what is going on. Move for a better view if necessary.
- ☞ Look at the images related to baptism on pages 223 and 227 in Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**For the image on page 223:** Ask children to point to the small pictures of Noah's ark, Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River, and water flowing out of a rock. Explain that these are all important water stories from the Bible. Ask them to count the candles in the picture, and make the connection to the candles that are given to the newly baptized at your church. Wonder with children about why the baptismal font in the picture is cross-shaped.

**For the image on page 227:** Ask children what shapes they see. Ask them to find water, crosses, a candle, people, and banners. Which person do they think has just been baptized?

- ☞ Show children that Evangelical Lutheran Worship contains a whole section of baptism hymns and songs beginning with hymn #442.
- ☞ At bath time, remind children of their baptism.
- ☞ Celebrate the anniversary of your child's baptism with a favorite meal, a small gift, or a special outing. Light your child's baptismal candle (or another special candle) at mealtime to mark the day.