

Dear Parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_,

You've been Splashed! Your congregation will be sending you Splash! resources to support your central role in the faith formation of your infant. At baptism, you commit to raising your child in the Christian faith. These Parent Pages and the *Sleepy Time Tunes* music CD are filled with practical and enjoyable ways to help you fulfill your baptismal promise.

Along with this letter you'll find the first issue of Parent Pages and a *Sleepy Time Tunes* music CD. Parent Pages are filled with ideas to support your role as the most important people in your infant's faith formation. Each issue has the same clear format that will help you know what to expect in the midst of your busy life of caring for an infant.

Each month, the article on page 1 will stimulate your thinking by connecting faith to findings from diverse areas such as medicine, finance, theology, and psychology. "One Parent's Perspective" offers brief stories, insights, and wit from other parents, both new and veteran.

On pages 2 and 3, symbols help identify different types of activities.



Begin passing along the stories of the faith while your child is still a baby. Look for the Bible story text in the circle. You'll find references to the month's Bible story in other activities, too.



Doing devotions together while your child is an infant can start a valued tradition in your family. Plan time for a family devotion based on each month's Bible story.



Use these suggestions to establish prayer times and practices in your family.



When your family attends worship together, you are introducing your baby to a loving, intergenerational experience filled with music, images, stories, and rituals. These ideas can help!



This feature connects you with one of the songs on the *Sleepy Time Tunes* music CD. As you listen to the gentle melodies and quiet lullabies, read about the musicians who write and perform the songs on the CD.



Try these ideas to introduce your child to family mealtimes.



It's never too early to begin play time! Enjoy the ideas featured here each month.

Also, the "Family Kin-nections" feature each month connects your child with grandparents or older siblings. Enjoy a different "Crib Notes" cartoon each month. Clip along the dotted line to post on the fridge or pass along to a friend.

Page 4 offers a few additional features. Try some of the "Baby Talk" words in your family. They are conveniently located on the back of the "Crib Notes" cartoon. Each month, an Augsburg Fortress book is recommended. Some are books to read to your child, while others will support your own faith.

Your child has been splashed in the love of Holy Baptism and welcomed into God's family. May God bless your family of faith!