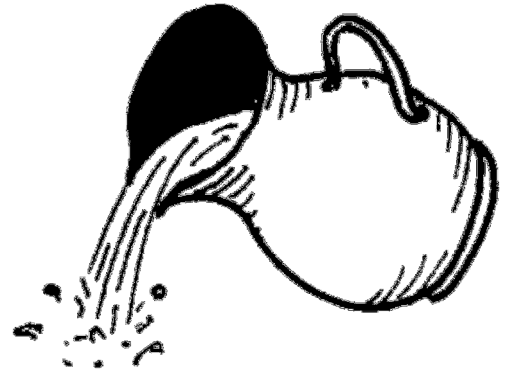
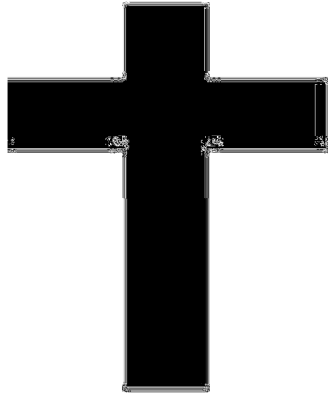
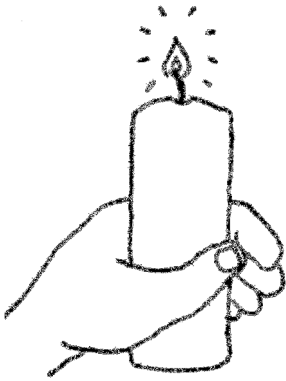


BAPTISM



children's activity booklet

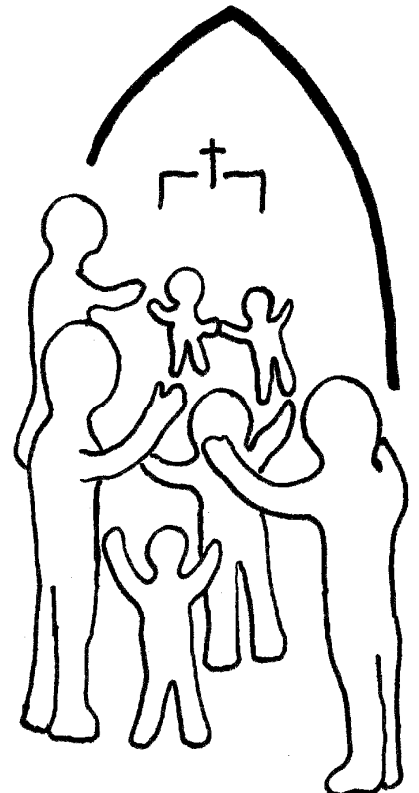
Coming into church

Have you been in this church before?

What can you see?

What can you hear?

What else seems interesting?





When we come to church we meet together as God's family.

Who is joining God's family today?

Who else is here?

How many people
can you count?

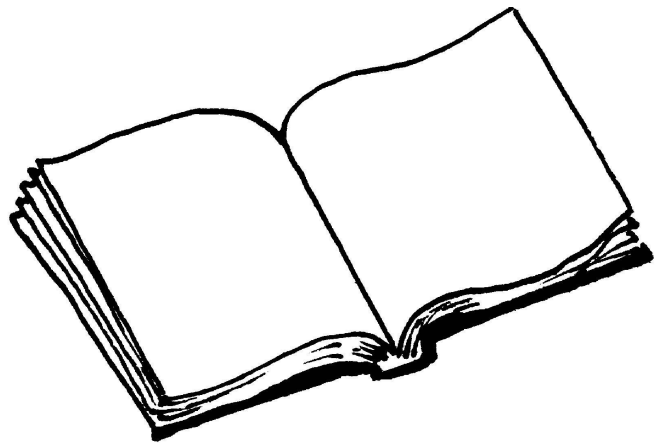
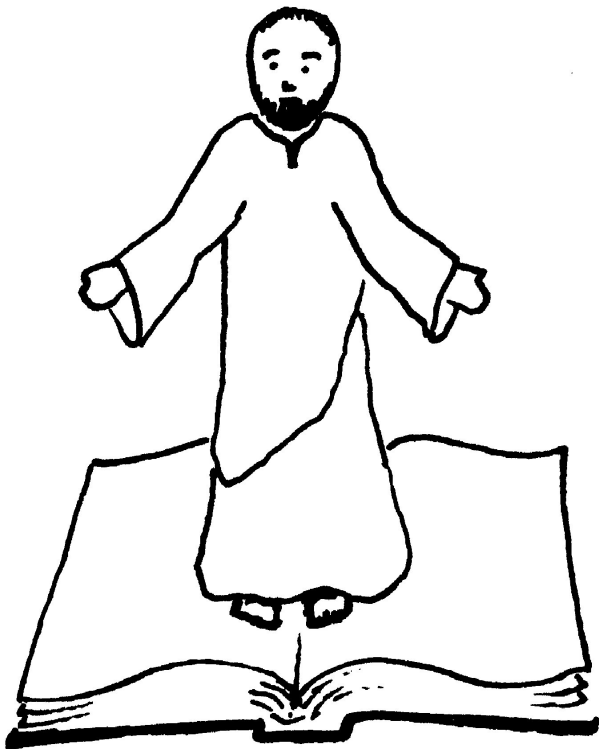
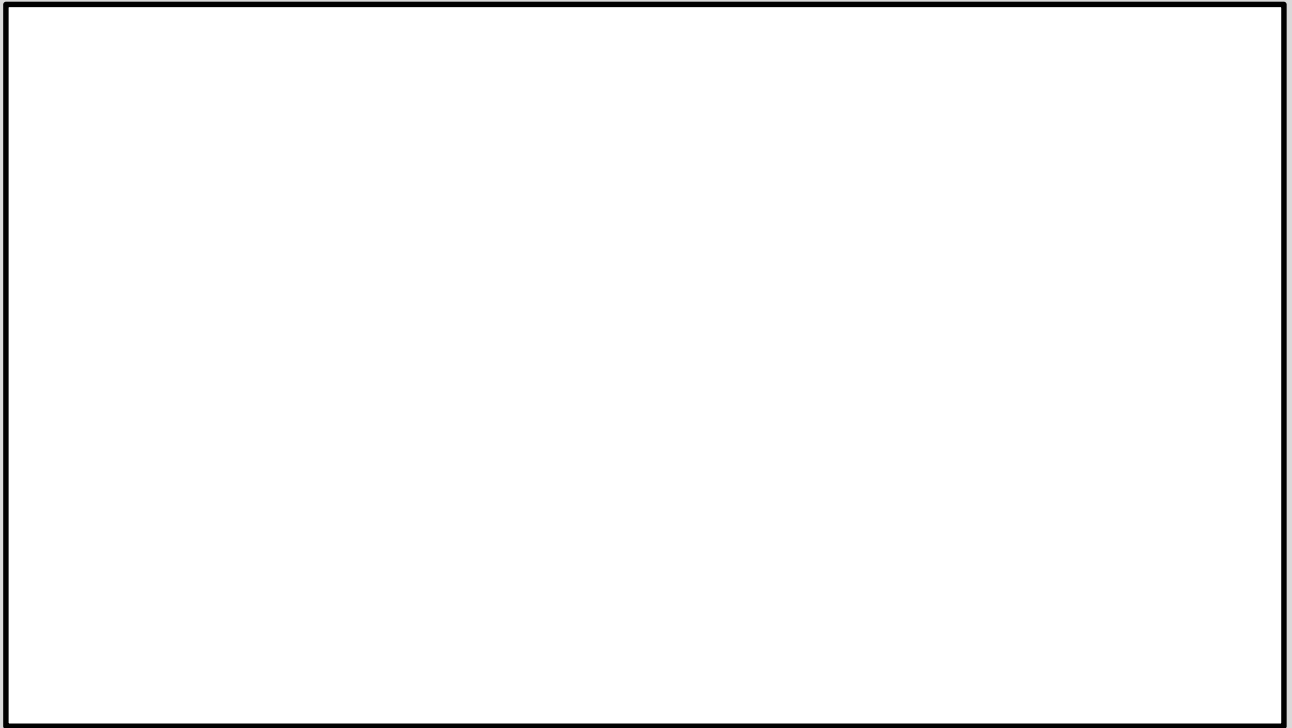
Who do you think is the oldest?

And the youngest?

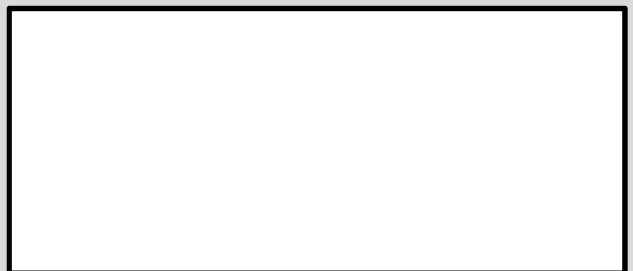
We read the Bible

What is your favourite Bible story?

Write or draw it here:



What was today's
Bible reading about?





We promise
Parents and
godparents
promise to help
the child being
baptised in lots
of ways:

Teaching

Praying

Caring

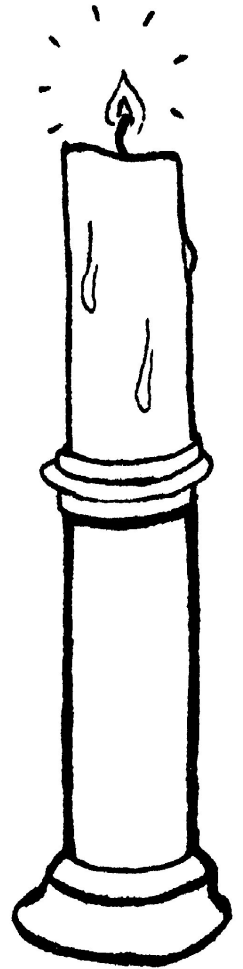
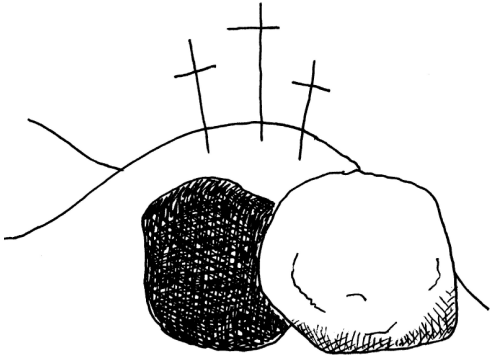
Setting
a good
example

What can you teach them about God?

Who helps you learn about God?

We turn to Christ

We light the big church candle that we first lit on Easter Day. What special thing happened on the first Easter Day?



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world".
The light of God can never be put out.
It is stronger than all the darkness in the world.
Can you fill in the missing opposites?

God's LIGHT is stronger than _____.

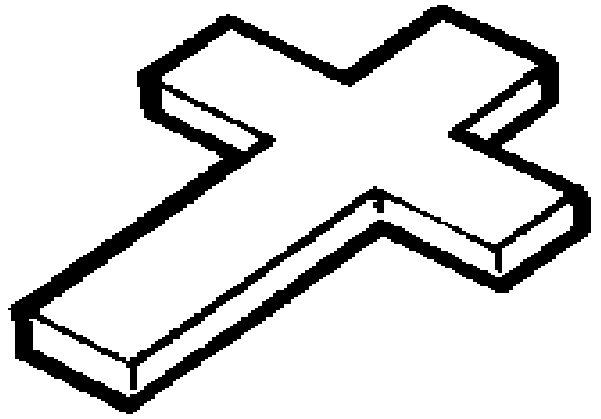
The GOODNESS of God is stronger than _____.

The LOVE of God is stronger than _____.

The LIFE of God is stronger than _____.

We belong to God

We make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead. This is the sign of Jesus. It shows that the child belongs to God and is a child of God.



Look around the church and spot the crosses.

How many can you count?

Where did you find a cross that was:

Beautiful?

Sad?

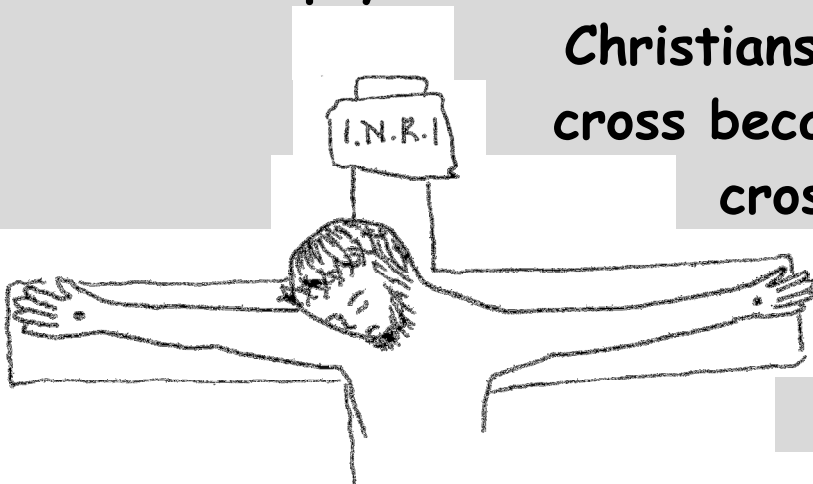
Simple?

Happy?

Big?

Small?

Did you see Jesus on the cross?
Or was it empty?

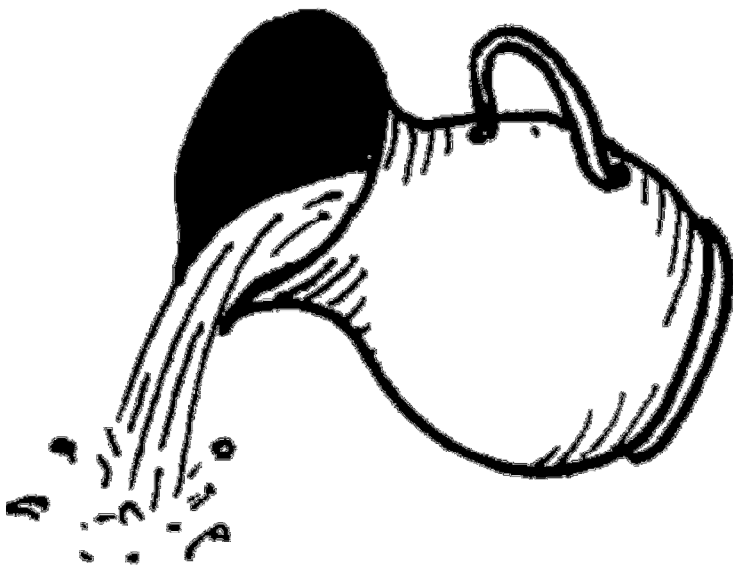


Christians use the sign of the cross because Jesus died on a cross to show how much God loves us.



The Baptism

We pour water into the font. Like water, God's grace makes us clean, and gives us life. We bless the water to make it holy (special for God)



How do you use water?

Write as many ways as you can think of...



We baptize the child in the name
of God the Father

(God loves us like a parent)

God the Son

(he died for us on the cross)

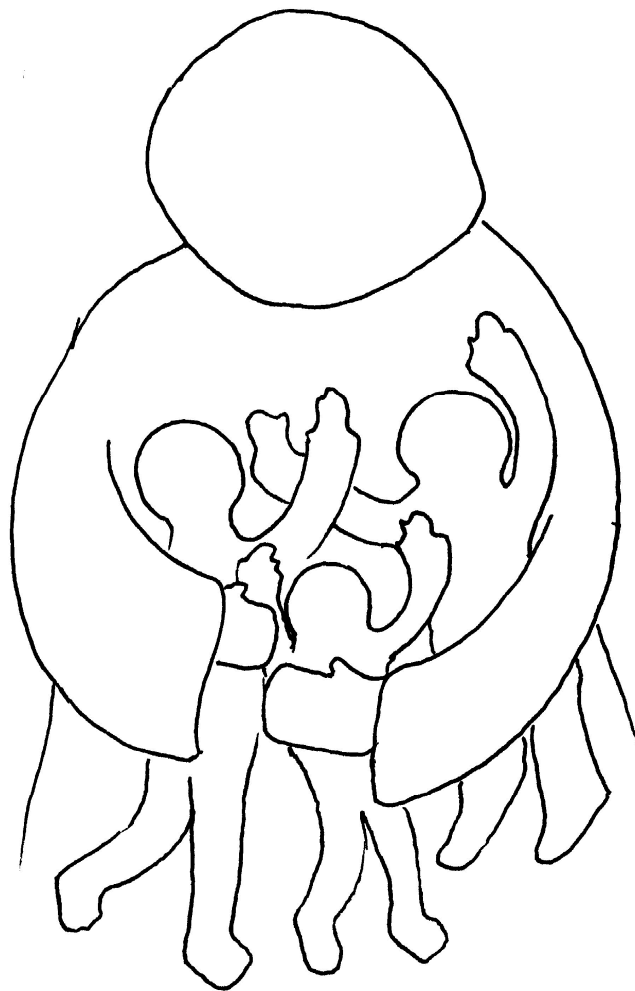
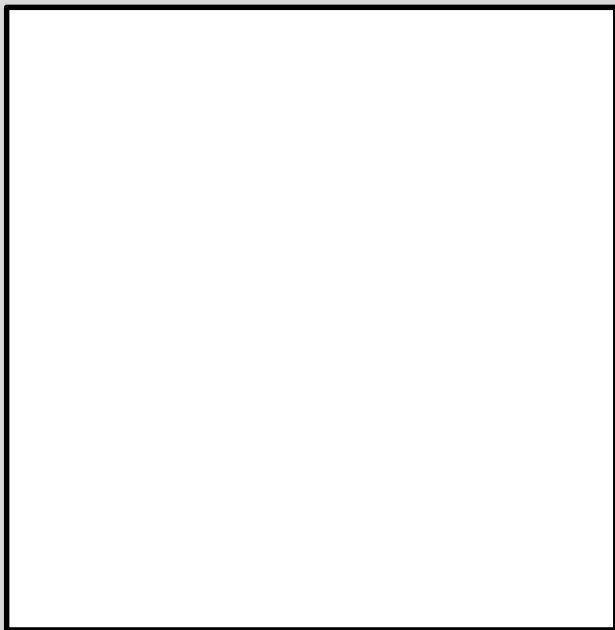
and God the Holy Spirit

*(God's invisible way of always
staying close to us)*

We welcome you...

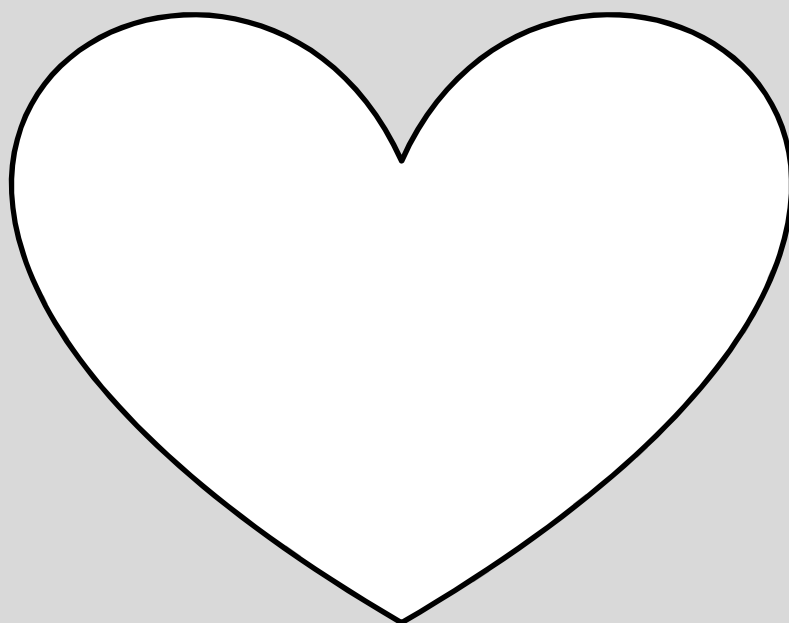
We welcome those who have been baptised as new members of God's family.

Write or draw your own welcome message to the child who has just been baptised:



Write in the heart below
how it makes you feel
to be part of God's family

We are all
children of God...



We pray

What would you like to pray for:



When I think of

(the baptized child)

I hope for

I worry about

I am thankful for

When I think of myself:

I hope for

I worry about

I am thankful for

When I think of the world:

I hope for

I worry about

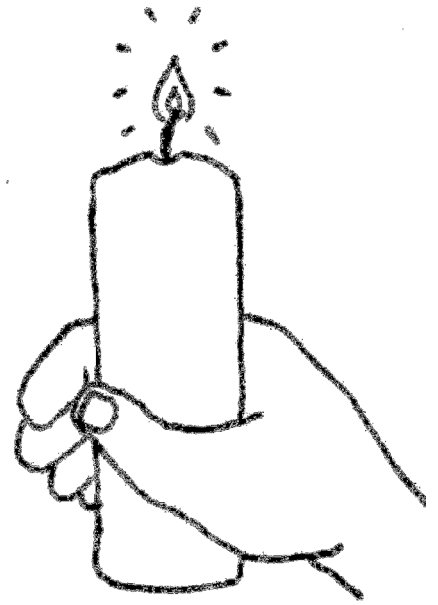
I am thankful for

We are sent out

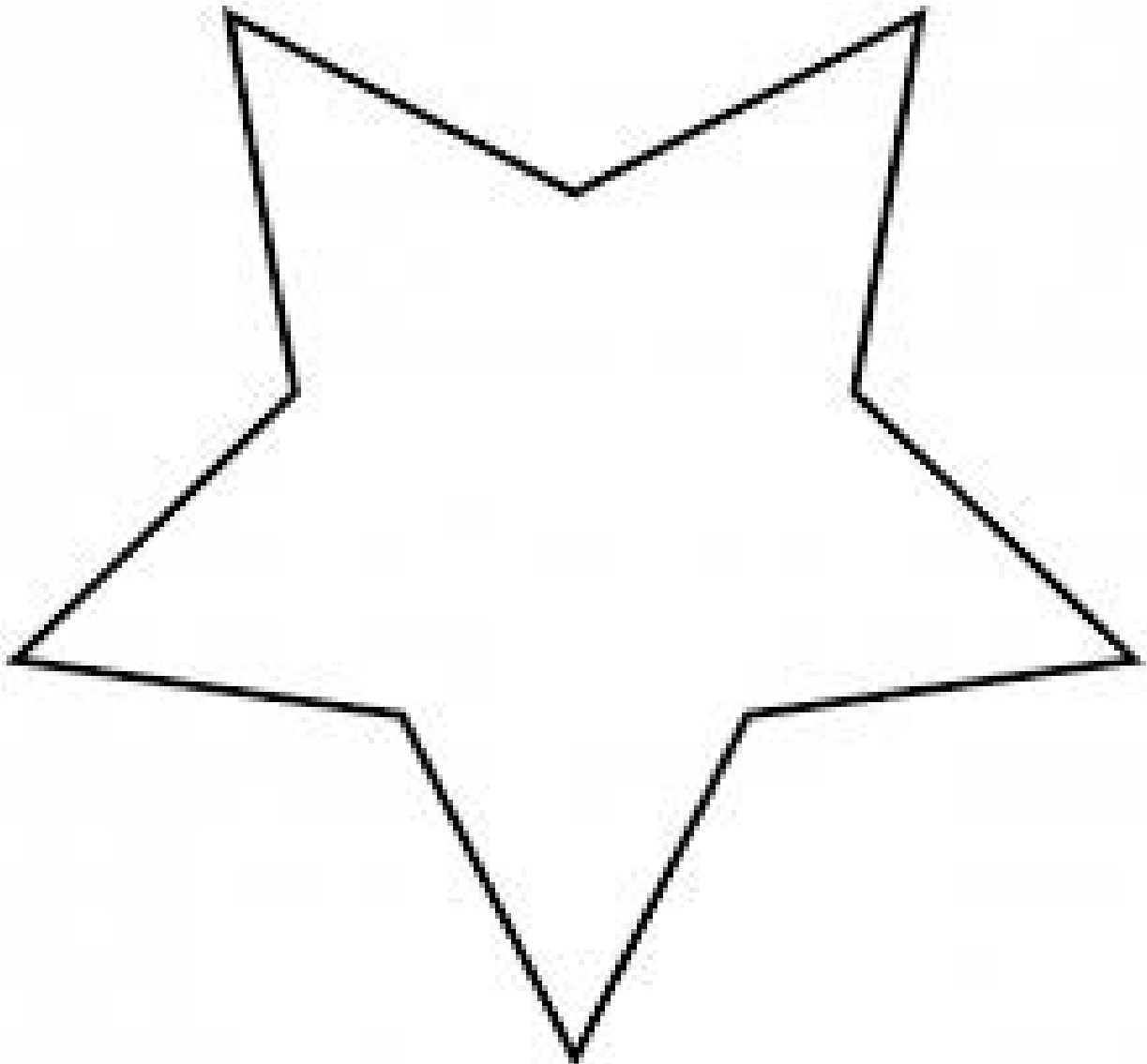
The child who has been baptised is given a lighted candle, as a reminder that their life's work is to shine as a light in the world.

This is your job too!

In the star below write or draw some ways that you can make your bit of the world a brighter place...



**This is how I
shine!**





When Jesus was baptised, God said these words to him, not as a reward, but to encourage him for all he had to do.

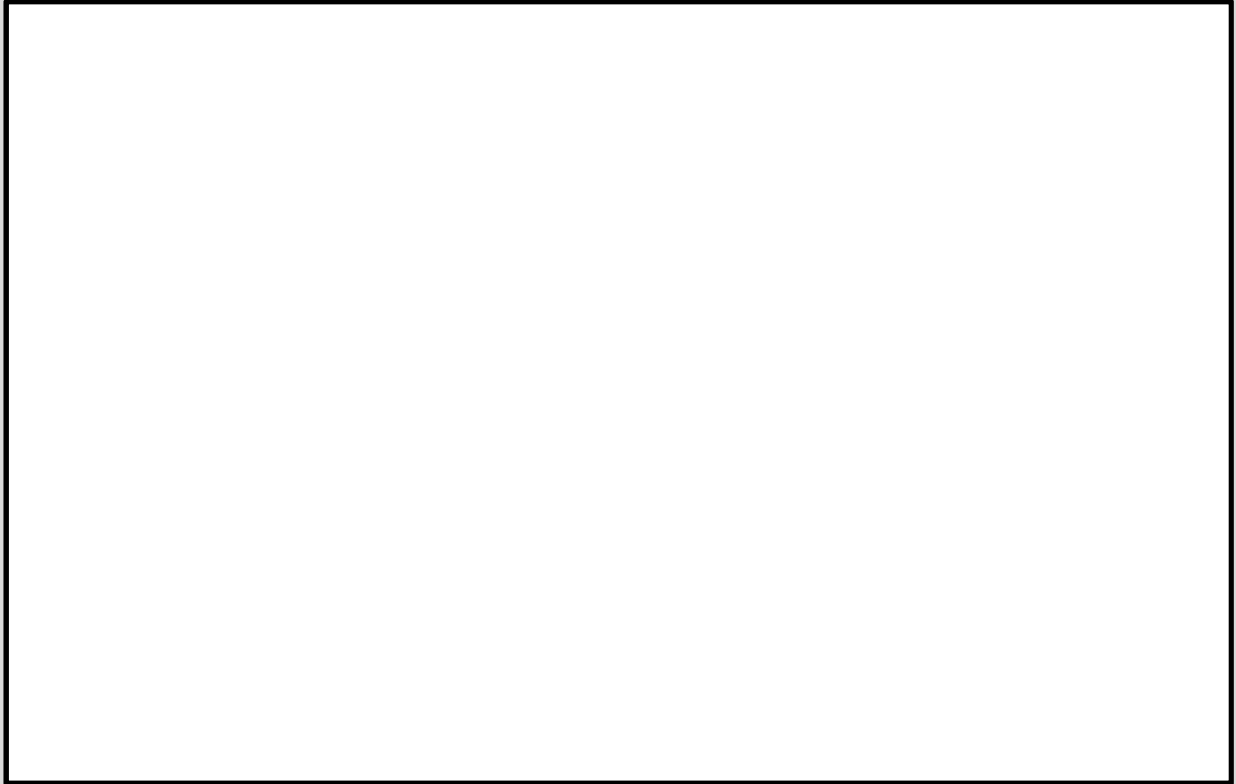
"You are my child, I love you, and I am pleased with you."

God says the same to you.

Write your name in the space above.

**What was your favourite
part of the service?**

Draw a picture of it here.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a child to draw a picture of their favourite part of the service.

**Write some words or draw some pictures
about how you feel in church...**

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a child to write words or draw pictures about how they feel in church.