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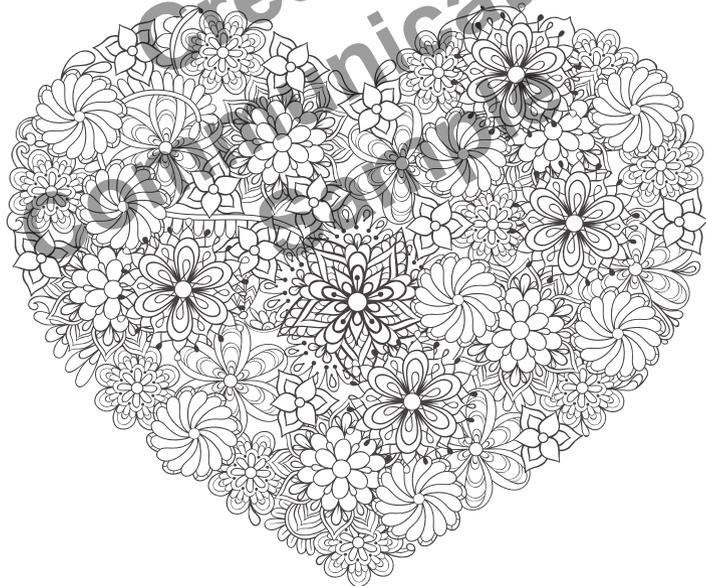
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Baptism gives us the courage to move into life to face all that lies ahead. It gives us an identity to be God’s people in the world. It assures us that God is at work, keeping promises and keeping us!

Through baptism God makes us his children, forgives our sins, brings us to faith, and promises to be with us into eternity. Baptism saves us. This little book will help you, as parents, understand the meaning and significance of the Sacrament of Baptism.

– Gordon Beck –

**T**HEN JESUS CAME TO THEM and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

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As parents, you have done what the Lord has asked you to do—you have brought your child to the waters of baptism. It is a more profound event than the first day of school and even more important than all the wonderful plans you have. What happened on your child's baptismal day carries into eternity.

Perhaps you sensed this when you picked out a beautiful little white dress or white suit for the event. It's like picking out party clothes for a party that will last forever. And white is the color for purity, the purity of Christ that your child "puts on" in baptism.

It's easy, of course, to remember the day your child was given the miracle of life and joined your family. It is just as important to remember your child's baptismal birthday, when the Holy Spirit moved over the waters of baptism to claim your child as a member of God's family.

Write your child's baptismal date here:

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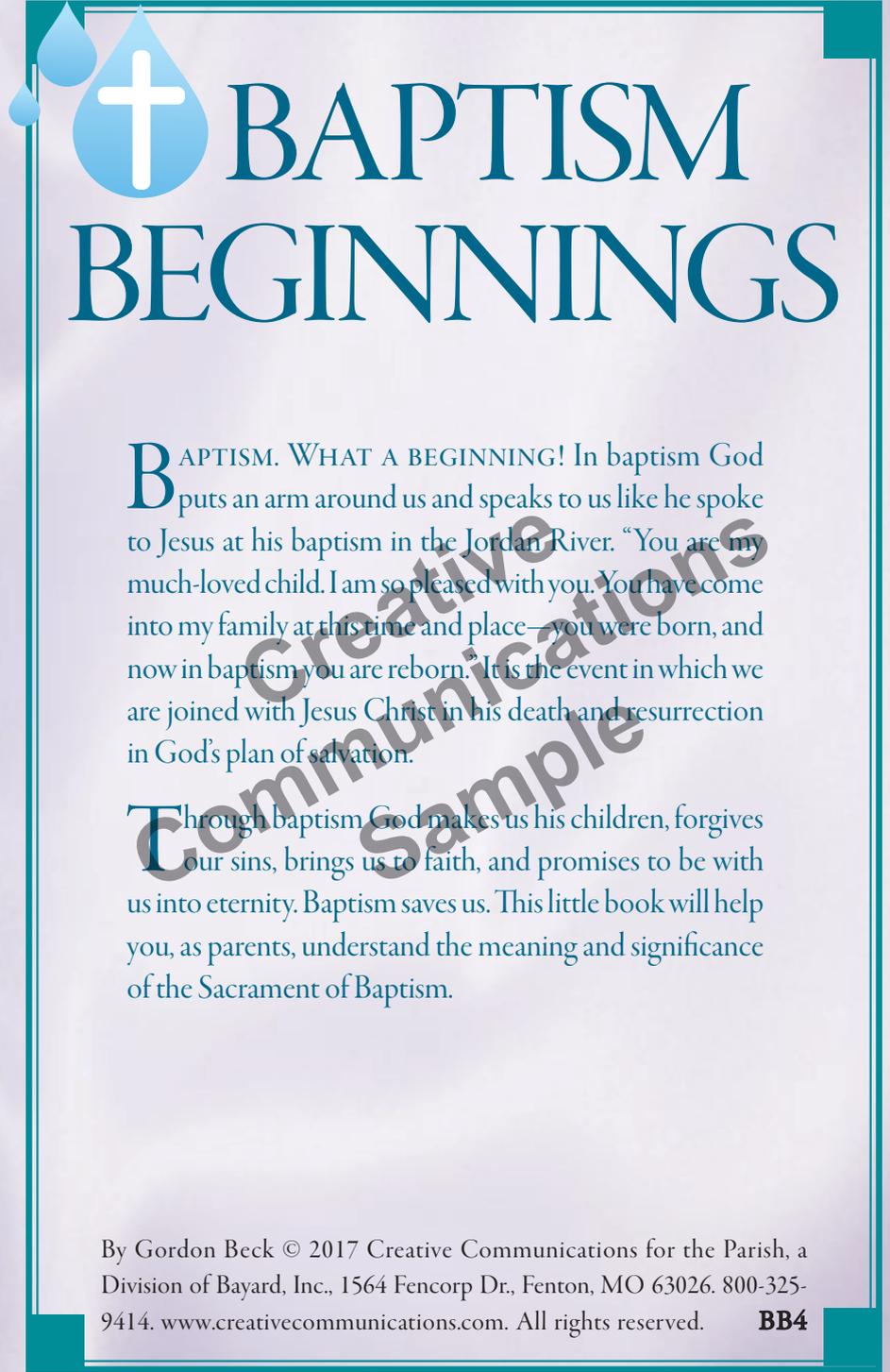
## *Baptized in the Name of the Trinity*

**Y**our child was baptized in the name of the Trinity—the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the act of baptism the pastor poured water over your child's head and pronounced those words.

Remember how carefully you chose your child's name? You considered many possibilities. Perhaps they were names that occur frequently in your family tree, or when you discovered the special meanings of certain names, they became possibilities. Or maybe some of the names had syllables or sounds that sounded perfect with your last name. It might have been hard to agree on one favorite, so you talked about it, perhaps asked your parents (your baby's grandparents) for an opinion.

Finally you settled on the one your child bears. Perfect!





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