

Yr 2 Theophany of Our Lord, Lesson Mt. 3:13-23

Opening Prayer: The Sign of the cross (3X). *This in itself is a short prayer that can be prayed during the day. We talk more about this in the lesson.*

Gospel: [Mt 3:13-17](https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/letusattend/january_6_2013_matthew_313_17_told_for_younger_children) - Click Here to read the Gospel or listen to it here:
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Lesson: God is revealed as Three in One (Trinity).

How many Gods do we believe in? One! But we also know that in God there is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! In the Gospel today is the very first time in Jesus' life that this is shown to us. Let's read that part again and see if we can pick out the parts of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit.

The Father speaks - "This is my Son" (Jesus), the Son is Baptized and the Spirit comes down "like a dove." We don't know exactly what the Spirit really looked like, but this is the way that Matthew described it. He had to use words to talk about it so that people could understand it.

New vocabulary - *Theophany* - *Theos* means God. *Phainein* - means "to Show". That is why we call this the Feast Theo-phany.

Let's talk about the sign of the cross - how do we hold our fingers?

Three together - what does that represent? The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! Are they separate? No! We hold the fingers close together! This shows that we know that this is one God. But there are three persons within one God. This is hard to understand - even adults - even the Pope can't really understand this. It's a mystery but we can still believe it. Let's practise.

This is a short prayer that you can do at any time during the day Discuss some times that the children could be praying this short prayer. (e.g. In the morning as you step out of bed and at night it can be that last thing you do as you fall asleep, when you walk by your icon corner or drive by a church, as you start a difficult job or are feeling scared or anxious about something etc.)

Craft: Baptism in the Jordan Stick puppets

Back Inside the Church: Watch the Blessing of the Water. Watch especially for when Father blows on the water. This represents that coming of the Holy Spirit.