

THE SUNDAY PAPER

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after
EPIPHANY

We have begun a new church season, EPIPHANY. Epiphany is the third part of a group of seasons that are all about the Messiah and his coming. Advent is our time of waiting for the Messiah. Christmas is when we celebrate, because the Messiah has come! In Epiphany, we will learn what happened when the Messiah grew up, and began to do God's work!

JESUS GROWS UP

Luke 3:15-22

JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS NEAR THE RIVER JORDAN!



WHEN HE COMES, IT WILL BE LIKE A FARMER WINNOWING GRAIN! HE WILL SAVE THE GOOD WHEAT...

BUT HE WILL BURN UP THE USELESS CHAFF!

ONE DAY, JESUS CAME TO JOHN TO BE BAPTIZED!

YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON! I AM PLEASED WITH YOU!

GOD IS ANOINTING JESUS WITH HIS SPIRIT! GOD IS SHOWING US THE MESSIAH!!

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"MESSIAH" is a Hebrew word that means "anointed." ("CHRIST" is the word for the same thing in Greek.) When ancient people chose their leaders, they ANOINTED them by putting oil on their heads. So the MESSIAH or CHRIST is the "anointed one" that God has chosen to lead his people into God's new Kingdom of justice and love and peace!

