Choosing Baptism

John the Baptist helped people publicly give their lives to Jesus through baptism. Have you decided to give your life to God? Asking Jesus into your heart is the first step towards baptism (Acts 19:4).

YOU WILL NEED:

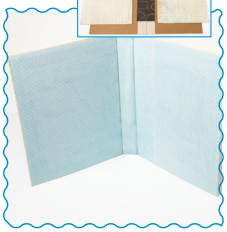
- Drawing Paper
- Decorative Edge Scissors
- Colored Cardstock
- Stiff Cardboard
- Old Greeting Cards
- Designer Paper
- Poster Board
- Masking Tape
- Colored Pencil
- Glue Stick
- Glue Brush
- White Feathers
- Nail Scissors
- Craft Knife ⚠
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Glue
- Twine

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut 2 pieces of cardboard 8½" x 11", and another piece 11"x 1½". Line up the pieces ¼" apart, with the narrow piece (spine) between. Apply masking tape between the pieces. Stick any excess tape to the inside.

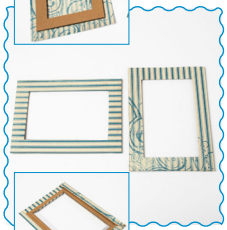
2. Turn the cardboard over. Crease the tape next to the spine with a ruler. The folder should open and close well.

3. Cut out a 13" x 3" piece of designer paper and glue it over the spine of the folder on the outside. Glue a 9" x 13" piece of decorative paper to the front and back of the folder. Turn the folder over and glue the excess paper to the inside.



4. Glue a 11" x 18½" piece of designer paper to the inner surface of the folder. Crease the folds again with a ruler, making sure the folder still opens and closes well.

5. Cut out two 7" x 5" frames from poster board, with a frame width of 1". Glue ½" wide strips of cardboard along three sides of the back of each frame. Glue an 8" x 6" piece of designer paper over the front of each frame.

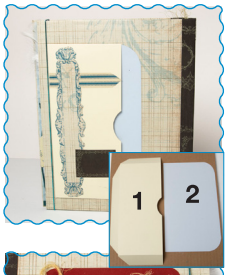


6. Turn the frames over. Glue the excess paper to the back of frames. Cut a 4½" x 2½" window out of the middle of the paper. Make diagonal cuts at the corners of the paper so that you can turn and glue the excess paper to the inside.

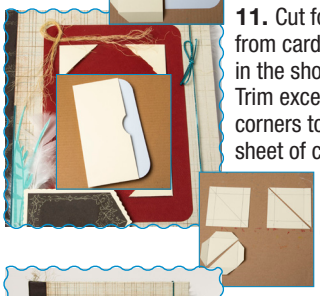
7. Print the template* or draw the picture of Jesus' baptism. Color the picture and cut it out. From the greeting cards, cut out decorations such as flowers, plants, labels, and designs suitable for the theme of "Baptism."

8. Place the cut-outs around the folder, leaving space for the two frames. Glue in place. Glue frames and insert text. Make little sign boards by gluing the print of your choice to thin cardboard, and layering it with other colors of cardstock. Trim the bottom layer with decorative scissors.

9. Glue small strips of cardboard to the back of the signs and glue to folder.



10. For the certificate, cut out a 5" x 11" piece of cardstock (1). Fold in 1" on three sides. Cut out a semicircle in the center of the open edge. Cut another piece of cardstock 5" x 9" (2). Round the outer two corners. Insert part (2) into folded part (1). Glue the pocket to the back of the folder. Decorate.



11. Cut four corners from cardstock, folding in the short sides. Trim excess. Glue the corners to a 5½" x 8" sheet of cardstock for a photo holder. Glue to front of folder.

12. Finish decorating the folder. Use it as a memento of your own baptism, or present it to a friend at their baptism.

* Template

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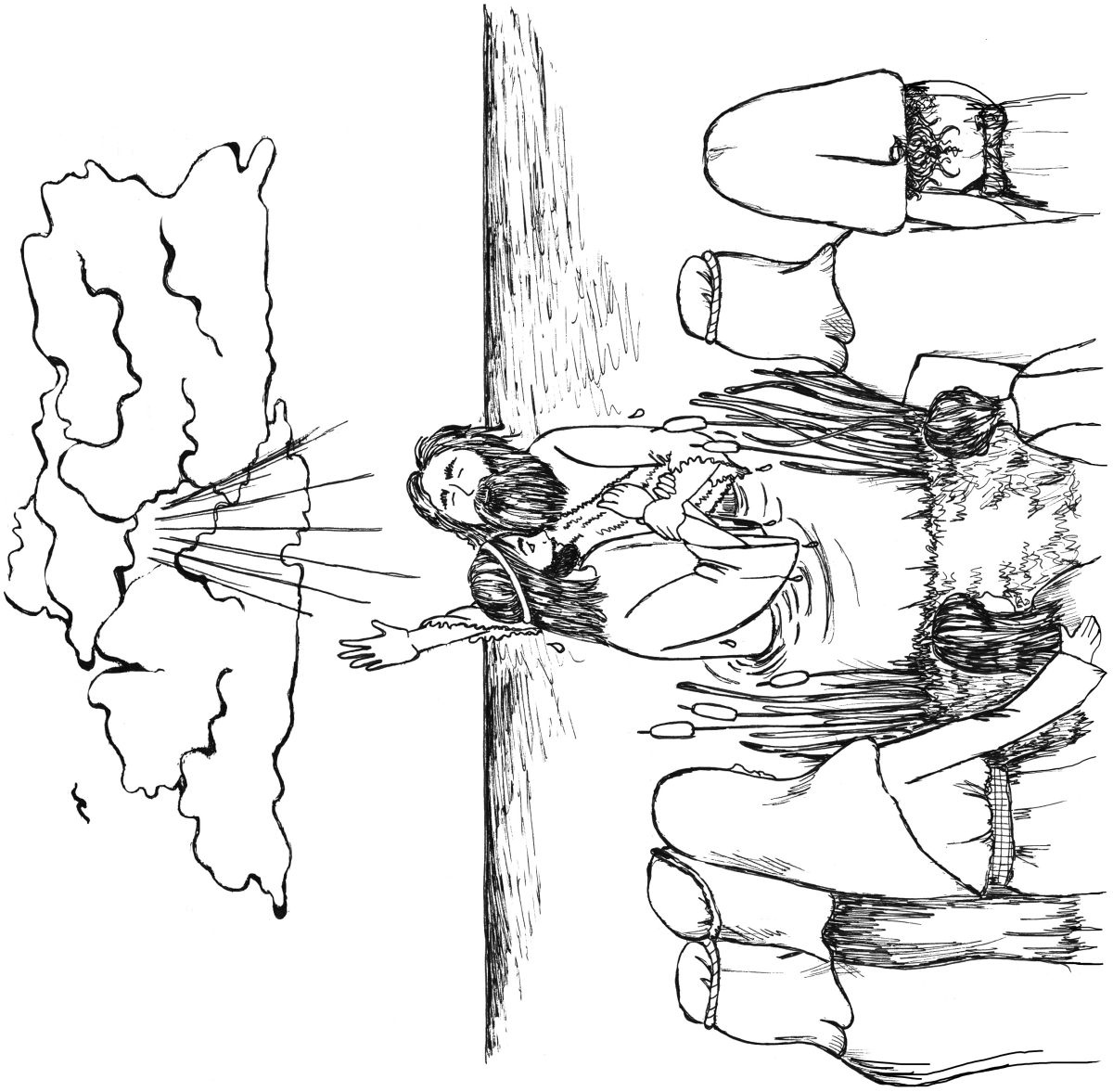
⚠ *Adult assistance is suggested.*

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