Faith Filled People

November

Saint John the Baptist

John leaped for Joy inside his mother. Even before birth, he new his cousin, Jesus, came from God in a special way and for a special purpose. John's mother and father were old. It was a miracle that they would have a baby. This baby, John, grew up to tell people that Jesus was coming. John preached along the Jordan River. He told people to get ready. He told them to turn away from sin and tell God they were sorry.

One day while John was preaching, Jesus came to the Jordan River. He asked John to baptize him. John was surprised because he knew Jesus was the holy one. Even our baptismal waters today are made holy by Jesus. But John did what Jesus asked. John saw the Holy Spirit come down on Jesus at his baptism. John called Jesus "the Lamb God." John knew that Jesus would die for our sins.

Soon after Christmas we celebrate Jesus' Baptism. On this day and whenever we see someone being baptized, we try to remember John's message. Tell God you are sorry for the bad things you have done. Try not to do them again, but keep Jesus in your heart.