



# VOCATIONS: FAMILY FEATURE

## CALLED FROM BAPTISM

Your first grader is learning that all vocations work together to serve people and glorify God. When your child was baptized, he or she became a part of this family of people who are called by God. This calling to be close to God is the most important vocation. Later in life, God calls people to a particular path, or vocation, in life. He calls people to religious life, marriage, or the priesthood. Look back on your child's baptism, the seeds of participation in the Divine calling.



*A baby being baptized.*

*Photo by Stephen Golder*

## ACTIVITY

15 min

### FIND IT:

Find special things from your child's baptism, i.e., candle, gown or photos. Talk about that day with your child.

### READ ABOUT IT:

Read what is announced at baptism:



*"You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ.*

*See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity.*

*With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven...*

*The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

*May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father."*

At baptism, the priest or deacon said,  
*"The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same."*

Trace the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a blessing and reminder of who he or she is.

Say to your child, *"God has great plans in store for you!"*