

The Theophany of Jesus

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Activity: Re-read the passage and answer the questions below.

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1. On what day is Jesus' baptism celebrated?
2. How old was Jesus when he was baptised?
3. How was John the Baptist related to Jesus?
4. Which River was John the Baptist baptised in?
5. What bird appeared as God to Jesus?
6. What happens when we go to church?
7. What does Theophany mean?