

Sola Publishing Children’s Message 1 st Sunday after Epiphany – Year A		SOLA 
Jesus Was Baptized and I Am baptized		
Readings	1) Isaiah 42:1-9 2) Romans 6:1-11 3) Matthew 3:13-17	
Scripture Focus	Matthew 3:13-17	
Take Away	I’m in God’s Family! stickers	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Pictures in the book: <i>I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb: God’s Promises at Baptism</i> may be helpful. It talks about what happens when babies are baptized. (Available at Sola Publishing.)	
Message [Put water in the baptismal font.] Good morning! How many of you have been baptized? For most of us, it happens when we’re babies, so it’s hard to remember. [You can use the book to help explain this.] Did you know that Jesus was baptized, too? He was all grown up when it happened to him, about 30 years old. One day, He was walking and saw His cousin, John the Baptist, baptizing people in the river, and He wanted to be baptized too. John said, “You’re Jesus! You should baptize me!” But Jesus said no, that it was right for John to do it. So, Jesus walked into the water, and John baptized him. Something amazing happened next. Immediately after Jesus came up from the water, God spoke from heaven. He said, “This is my Son, whom I love. I am happy with Him.” Then the Holy Spirit came floating down from the sky, just like a dove, and rested on him. That didn’t happen when you were baptized, but other things did. [Walk over to the baptismal font. If there are only a few children, have them step near the font.] This is called a baptismal font because it has water in it, and we use it to baptize people. [Show them.] We need water for baptism, but it doesn’t have to be a river. It just has to be water, then I [the pastor] say “ <u>baby’s name</u> , I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” Each time I say it, I put water on the baby’s forehead. When you were baptized, God said the same thing about you. [When I point to you, say your name out loud.] He said, “This is my child, [point] who I love, I am very happy with [point].” That’s what happens when we get baptized. God makes us part of His family, and He promises that the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts, and gives us faith, and teaches us about God. God also promises to forgive us when we do things he doesn’t like and try not to do it again. The best gift of all is to be part of His family. Baptism is a wonderful thing! I have a sticker here to remind you that you’re in God’s family! Let’s pray first.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, Thank you for giving us baptism, / and the Holy Spirit. Please teach us about God. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	

