And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the holy Spirit.” It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Focus Questions

1. Who did John the Baptist say was coming after him?
   What would he do?

2. What happened when Jesus came out of the water?

3. What did the voice from the heavens say?
Why Was Jesus Baptized?

**Directions:** Read the following quote from St. Ambrose about Christ’s Baptism. Then answer the reflection question.

"Our Lord was baptized because He wished, not to be cleansed, but to cleanse the waters, that, being purified by the flesh of Christ that knew no sin, they might have the virtue of baptism"

–St. Ambrose

**Reflection Question:**

How is Jesus’ baptism different from our own baptisms?

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Baptism Spot-the-Difference

**Directions:** Compare the painting of Christ’s Baptism below with the painting on the next page. Can you spot 8 differences between them?