



The Sacrament of Baptism

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If you are a boy, your parents wait 40 days after you are born and then take you to Abouna to be **baptized**. If you are a girl, your parents wait 80 days before they take you to be **baptized**.

When the right time has passed, your parents take you to church where Abouna prays over the water and through those prayers the water is changed and becomes holy. This is done in a mysterious way through the Holy Spirit. That is what the Sacraments are, a mystery performed by the Holy Spirit of God.

We can't see with our eyes what the Holy Spirit does, but we know by faith that the Holy Spirit changes the ordinary, like plain water, to the extraordinary, water that cleans the soul from our original sin. This would not happen unless there are special prayers over the water.



John the Baptist baptizing
the Lord Jesus Christ