



## ***Baptism Remembrance Activity***

Most people do this when they're by the baptismal font (stand with a bowl of water) in their church. But you can do this anytime you have water.

Just as a reminder, baptism is when God claims us as children forever. And this happens through something super common in our world (water) and combining it with God's commands to use that thing (water) with specific words. In the Bible, God often speaks and something happens - the world is created, disciples are called, people are healed, storms are calmed... God's words have incredible amounts of power. And for this, God is using specific words along with the presence of water to do something really amazing.

As Lutherans, we typically baptize infants (though anyone of any age can be baptized!) to remind ourselves that we can do nothing to be saved - just like babies can do nothing on their own to stay alive. They depend on their parents, just like we depend on God. So in baptism, we pour water over an infant to show that God is covering them with the promise to never let them go. This water is like a bath, but so much more. It's God saying that there's now this protective covering over us and all the evil in the world can't separate us from God. We're "sealed" by God and claimed as God's child forever.

So with that in mind...

Every time you see water, you can dip your finger into it and then draw a cross on your forehead with that finger (which is where your pastor marked a cross on you when you were baptized) as a reminder that you were claimed as a child of God.

You can do this for other people, too! [Take a small bowl of water and go to each person in your home.](#) Dip your finger in the water, mark a cross on their forehead with the water, and then say these words to them: *"Child of God, you have been marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit forever."*

In a world that can often make us afraid, it's good to remember whose child we are!

[Want a different, fun way to remember you're a child of God?](#)

Make a bracelet (or anklet or necklace)! Click on the link under the general resources about friendship bracelets. Make one out of different shades of blue, green, and/or brown (whatever will remind you of water). Then wear it as a constant reminder that you're God's child!