

WORD of LIFE

Chapter 8

Lesson Enhancement Video: The Rite of Baptism

- **Start with personal experience:** *Have you ever seen a Baptism in the Catholic Church?* (Answers may vary.)
 - **What parts of the Rite of Baptism stood out to you?** (Answers may include the water, the oil, the white garment, and the prayers.) For questions about the oil, white garment, or candle, see CCC 1234–43.
 - **Did any of the parts of the rite confuse you, like they perplexed Lucy in the video?** (Answers may vary.)
- **Highlight the teaching point of the video:** *How does the Rite of Baptism begin?* (With the priest making the Sign of the Cross on the person's forehead.)
 - Father Brown taught his students that after the Sign of the Cross, there is an exorcism. **What is an exorcism?** (It is a prayer to drive away the Devil and his temptations. The priest offers this prayer to prepare the person for Baptism.)
 - **What is the most important part of the Baptism?** (When the child is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the moment when the child is baptized.)
 - After the moment of Baptism, Father Brown said that there is a special prayer called the Ephphatha prayer. **What does “ephphatha” mean?** (“Be opened.” The priest is praying that the child’s ears are open to hear God’s Word and his or her mouth is open to proclaim the faith.)
- **Deepen gratitude and the teaching point:** *Who gave us the Sacrament of Baptism?* (Jesus Himself.)
 - **What happened at your Baptism?** (Answers may include my sins were forgiven, the stain of Original Sin was wiped away, I received the Holy Spirit, and I became a member of God’s Church.)
 - **What is one way you can be thankful for this mighty gift?** (Answers may include by thanking my parents for having me baptized, thanking God in prayer, and placing holy water in my room to remind me of my Baptism.)