

Lent 1: God's Loving Paths

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Reading: Mark 1: 9 – 15

Jesus is baptised

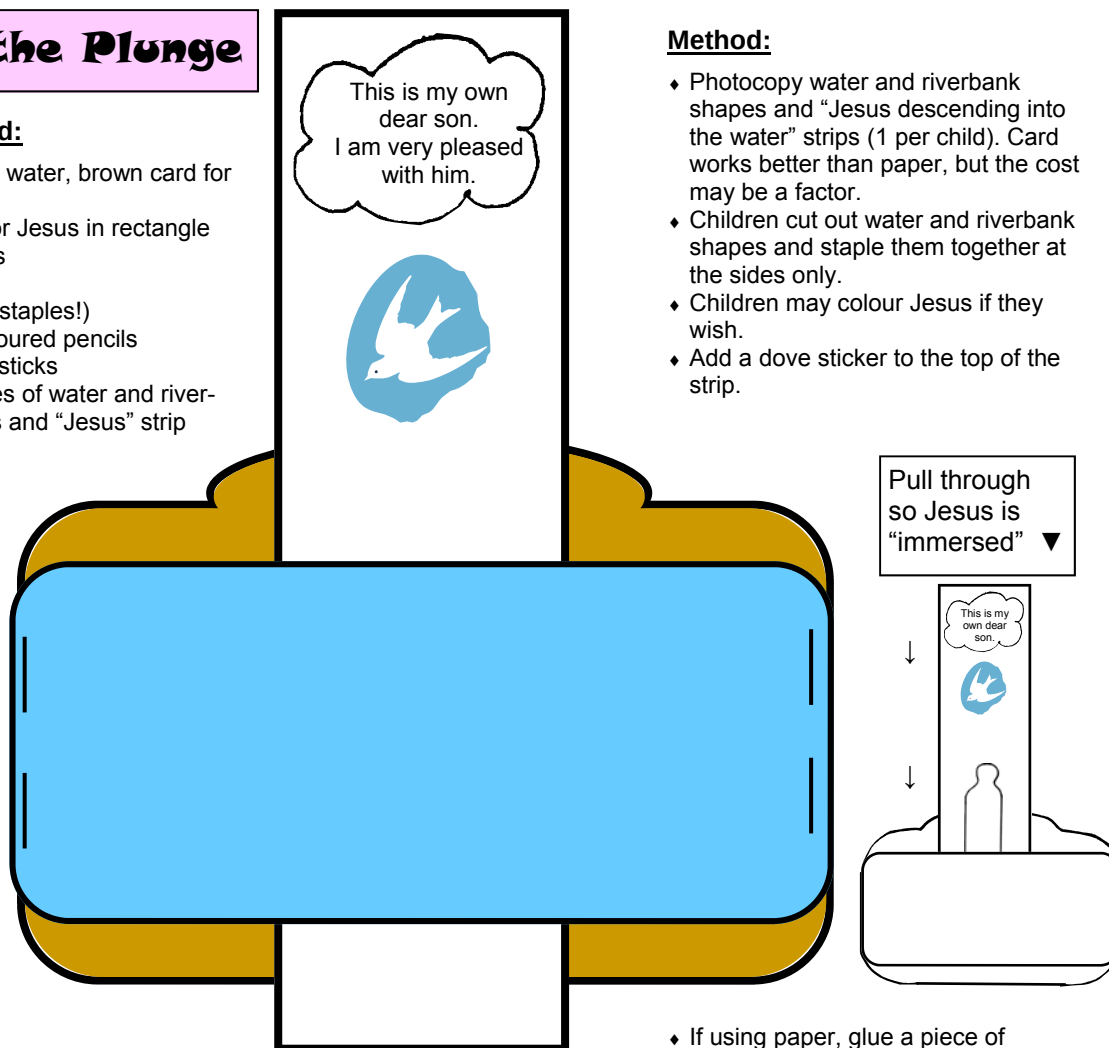
Take the Plunge

You will need:

- ♦ blue card for water, brown card for riverbank
- ♦ white card for Jesus in rectangle
- ♦ dove stickers
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ stapler (and staples!)
- ♦ textas or coloured pencils
- ♦ glue or glue sticks
- ♦ master copies of water and riverbank shapes and "Jesus" strip

Method:

- ♦ Photocopy water and riverbank shapes and "Jesus descending into the water" strips (1 per child). Card works better than paper, but the cost may be a factor.
- ♦ Children cut out water and riverbank shapes and staple them together at the sides only.
- ♦ Children may colour Jesus if they wish.
- ♦ Add a dove sticker to the top of the strip.



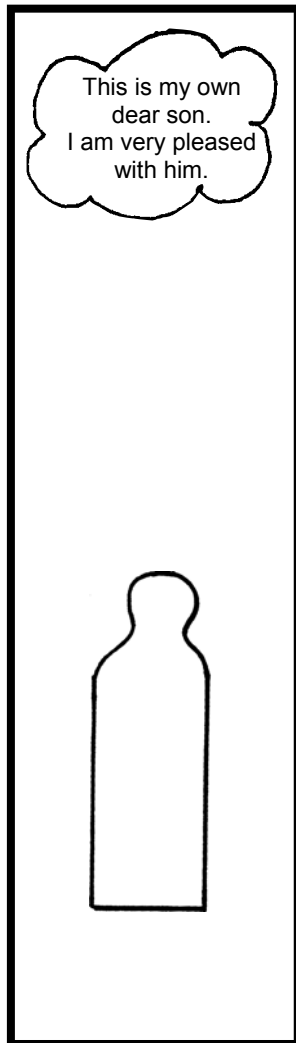
To make your own dove sticker: Download an image from the internet or your clip art (see examples below), print off one for each child. The dove ties in with the OT reading of God's covenant with Noah.

- ♦ If using paper, glue a piece of recycled cardboard (i.e. from a cereal or biscuit packet) to the back of the "Jesus descending" strip for support.
- ♦ Slip the strip into the top opening of the river and pull through to the bottom.
- ♦ Children can then make Jesus "descend" into the water by pulling the strip down until Jesus is "immersed" in the water.



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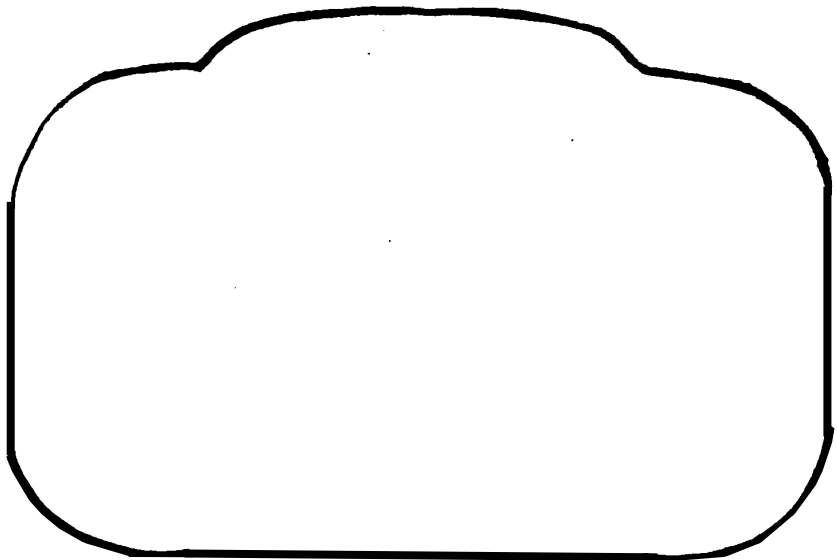
Photocopiable Patterns



- ▲ **Jesus descending into the water strip:** Copy one per child.
If using paper, cut a piece of recycled cardboard to back each strip.



- ▲ **River water:** Photocopy onto or cut from blue paper or cardboard.



- ▲ **River bank:** Photocopy onto or cut from brown paper or cardboard.