

# Worship

## PRAISE AND PRAYER



**Supplies:** Activity E, “Talk about...” Cards, descending doves made earlier, string, scissors

⊗ Photocopy and cut out “Talk About Jesus Is Baptized” for each child. Make one copy of “Child-of-God Certificate” (Activity E) for each child.

- Fill out a certificate for each child, filling in the child’s name.
- Cut a piece of string long enough to hold all of the children’s doves.
- Play familiar music, and encourage the children to sing and move along with the music.
- Have the children find their doves and stand in a circle.

**SAY:** As our song says, “God chose Jesus.” God chooses us too!

- Invite each child to put his or her dove on the string.
- As each child puts a dove on the string, say to her or him, “God loves you, (child’s name)” and give the child the certificate you have prepared.
- When all of the children have put their doves on the string, tie the ends of the string together.

**SAY:** Now all of our doves are connected to one another by this piece of string. Just like the string is connecting our doves, being children of God connects us all.

- Hang the string of doves up in your classroom to have a visual reminder of today’s lesson.

**PRAY:** God, thank you for loving us and choosing us to be your children. We choose to follow you. Amen.

- Send home “Talk About Jesus Is Baptized” with each child. Encourage parents to talk about today’s story with their children.

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