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Say to one another: (Name), child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."



### Talk About It

1. John told people to "change what needs changing in your life." What is one change you would like to make?
2. How do we baptize members of our church? How is it the same and different from how John baptized Jesus?
3. Share your memories of the baptisms of family members.
4. What are some symbols of your membership in different groups (family, sport teams, school, etc.)? What are some symbols of your membership in God's family?



### Live It

**For families to do together:** Baptism is a joyful ritual. Make up a joyful family ritual to signal belonging to one another (such as a handshake or a dance) and act it out together.

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