

# Water Ritual

1. Prepare a clear bowl of water for your prayer area.
2. Gather the children for prayer. Ask them to bring their textbooks to the prayer area with them.
3. Explain to the children that just as Paul celebrates God's gift of grace through Baptism, so do we. As a sign of our celebration of God's gift of grace, we are going to bless ourselves with water and remember our Baptism.
4. Call each child forward by name. You say, "(Name), be blessed by this water and remember the gift of God's grace at Baptism." At the same time, the child dips his/her fingers into the bowl and blesses him/herself with the water making the sign of the cross.
5. After everyone has been blessed, conclude with the prayer on page 82 of the textbooks.