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# TABLE TALK

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## Baptism and Beginning of Ministry

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### Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (based on Psalm 25)*

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

R: teach me your paths.

C: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

R: for you are the God of my salvation.

### Read: Mark 1:9-15 (ESV)

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

### Reflect:

In Jesus the time truly is fulfilled. The kingdom of God has come, and we are united to it in our own baptisms. The Father now looks at us and, because of Christ, says, "you are my child, with you I am well pleased."

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Mark 1:9-15) means for you as a family.

*Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.*

### Pray:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Almighty Father, we thank you for the life and ministry of Christ on our behalf, and that through our own baptisms we may call you Father. Strengthen us so that, in Christ, we too may resist temptation. In Jesus's name, Amen.