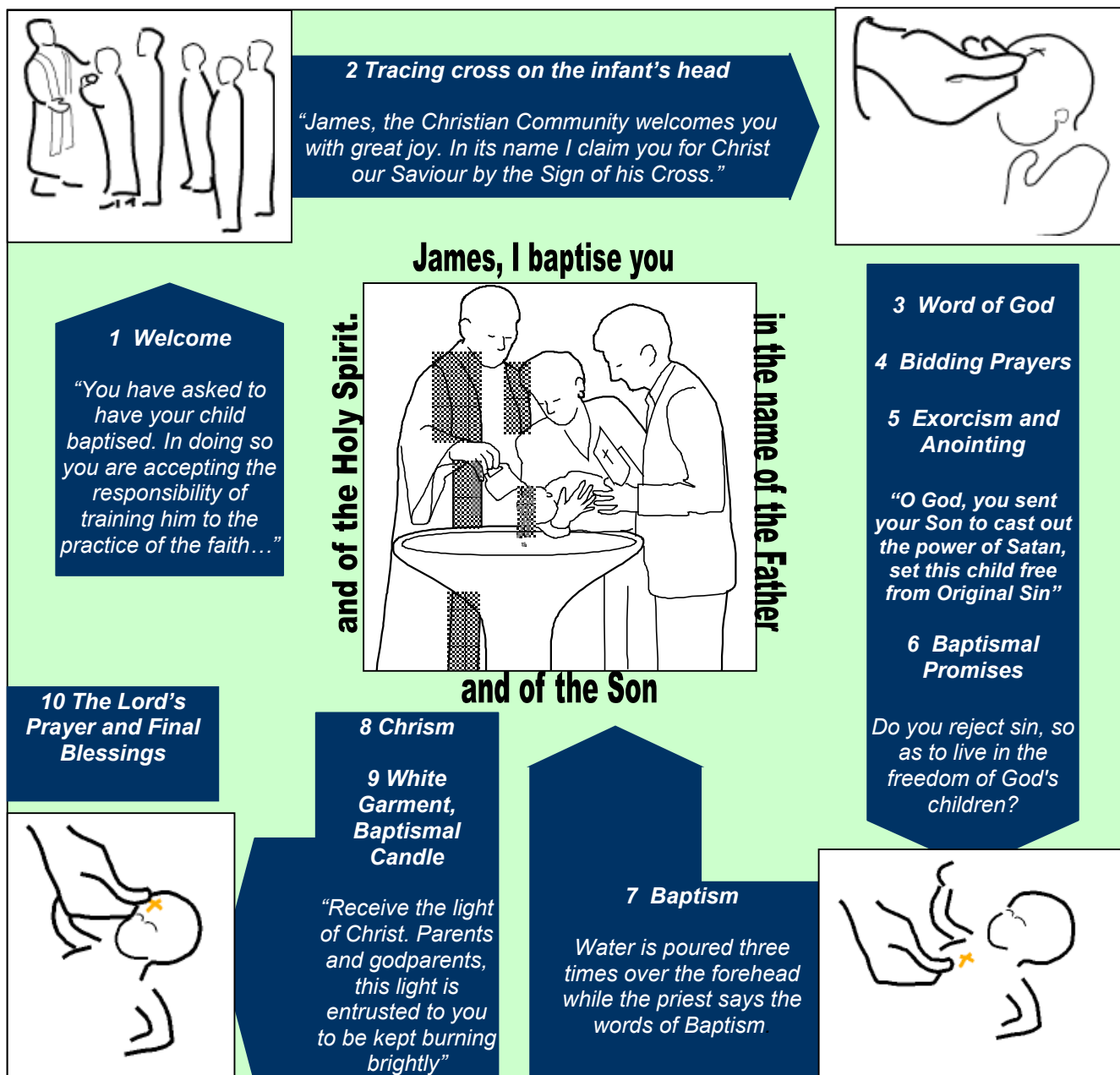


RITE OF INFANT BAPTISM

The diagram below shows some of the main parts of the Rite of Baptism for baby James. The Baptism may sometimes take place in the Mass. Baptism is also given the name *christening*, because James is marked with Christ's mark, the Sign of the Cross.

- A person is baptised only once.
- The soul is cleansed from Original Sin and the person restored to friendship with God.
- Baptism is the birth of a new Christian, so a Christian name, James, is given.
- James' parents and godparents promise to help James to live by the faith that is given him.



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Use the wordsquare to help you copy and complete the following.

1. A person preparing to be received into the Church is called a _____ .
2. A person who has just become a Christian is called a _____ .
3. Some early baptismal fonts were in the shape of a _____ .
4. The time when new members are received into the Church is _____ .
5. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are all sacraments of _____ .
6. In the second anointing, the baby being baptised is anointed with _____ .
7. The _____ garment, which symbolises that the person baptised has 'put on Christ'
8. Water is poured _____ times over the head of the person being baptised.
9. The number of times a person may receive the sacrament of Baptism is _____ .
10. The words of Baptism are from the end of the gospel of _____ .

- 2 (In pairs) Imagine you are interviewing those present at James' Baptism. Some questions to ask are shown below. Use these questions (and your own) to write a script with the answers you imagine would be given.

(Parents) Why did you want James to be baptised?

(Parents) Why did you choose to name your baby James?

(Parents) How are you going to help James to grow in faith?

(God-P) What duties do you have as the god-parents of James?

(Priest) Do you only baptise babies?

(Priest) You anointed James on the chest and on the forehead. What do these anointings mean?