



"And then Jesus comes up out of the water," Mary Clare exclaimed, "and then that cool thing happens! Right, Dad?"

"Right you are, Mary Clare!" Dad answered. "Our reading finishes by saying, *"After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened ... the heavens were opened ..."* (Matthew 3:16) Dad repeated, giving a nudge to Mom who tugged on the ceiling cord, pulling down the cloth, and allowing the sun to pour back over where they all were standing. And, with a solemn tone to his voice, Dad continued, *"And he saw the Spirit of God descending [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"* (Matthew 3:16b-17)

Sun continued to pour through the skylight window as Dad looked lovingly upon his children. "And my favor rests on all of you!" Dad rendered. "You children are a masterpiece of God, and through Baptism, you are heirs to His kingdom."

Mom added, "Each of the lit candles are the very candles we received on your Baptism day. We light them on special occasions. Your dad and I figured that the Baptism of the Lord, when the Blessed Trinity is revealed so powerfully, is a pretty special day!"

"That's right!" Vincent popped in. "We hear God's voice, Jesus is right there, and the Holy Spirit appears in the form of a dove! Pretty great!"

"And that was pretty great the way you pulled down the curtain!" Dad complimented his wife. "The sun just poured over us! Nice effect!"

"That's what us kids say about you two," Vincent stated to his mom and dad. "When it comes to our Sunday Gospel reading, you make them ... "

And the kids all chimed in together, "VISIBLE AND LIVABLE!"

And on that "sunny" note, they all grabbed their coats and headed off to Mass.

