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TABLE TALK

Lord of the Harvest

Prepare:

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As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Isaiah 43:1):

C: Thus says the Lord,
R: fear not, for I have redeemed you;
C: I have called you by name,
R: you are mine.

Read: Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflect

In Jesus's baptism, God the Father acknowledges Jesus as his Son, the Lord of the harvest. In our baptism, we are set apart like wheat from chaff.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Luke 3:15-22) means for you as a family.

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

Praying:

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The head of the household prays:

Almighty Father in Heaven, we give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus, the Christ. Through our baptism we have been set apart to live with you in your eternal kingdom. In Jesus's name, amen.