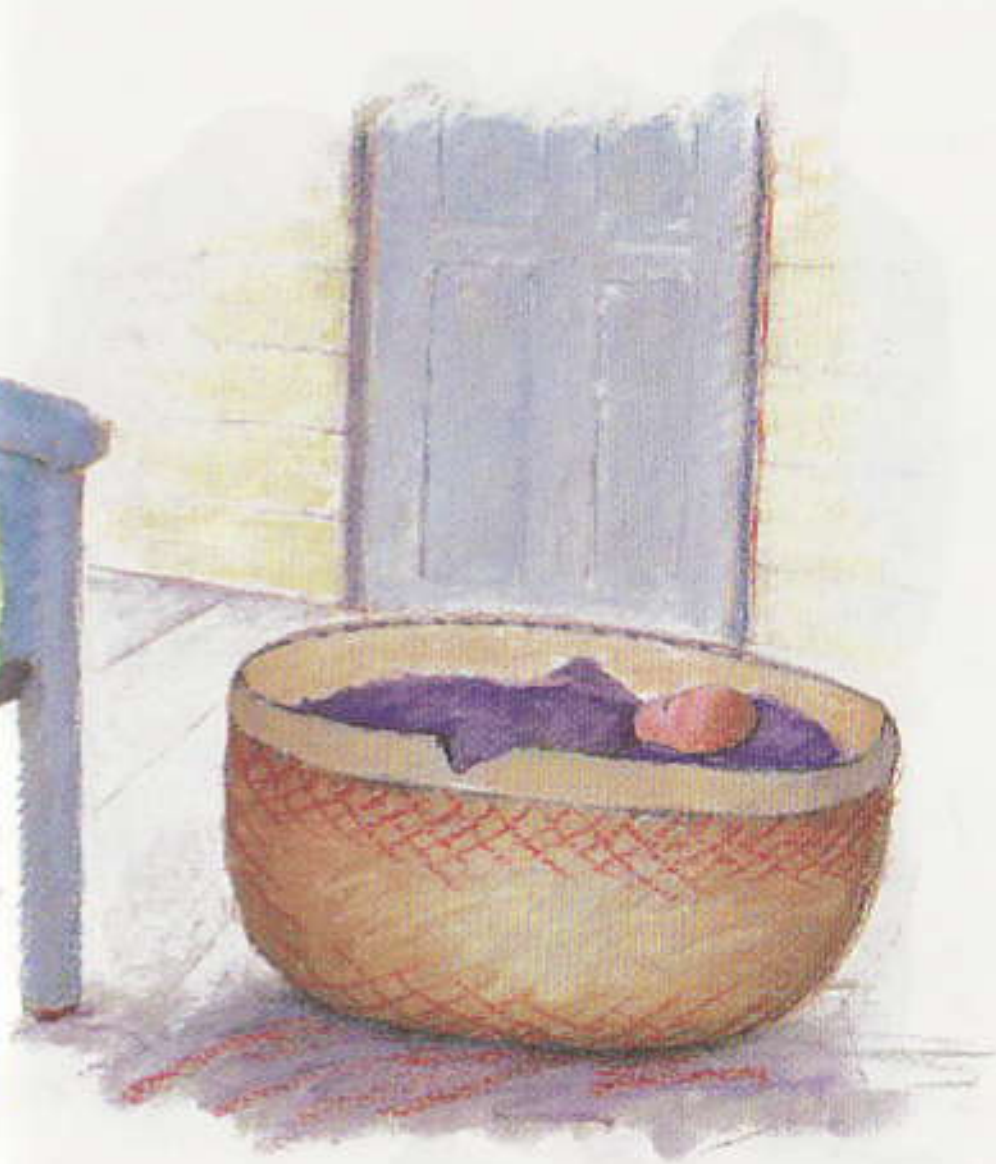


A BAPTISM STORY





The boy and the girl
were happy about
the special time



when the baby was baptized



and marked with
the cross as a sign.



The whole family had come
dressed in their very best.



Their neighbors and teachers
were there

along with all the rest.



It was at the Easter Vigil, the night before Easter morn.



The priest blessed the water to pour on the newly born.



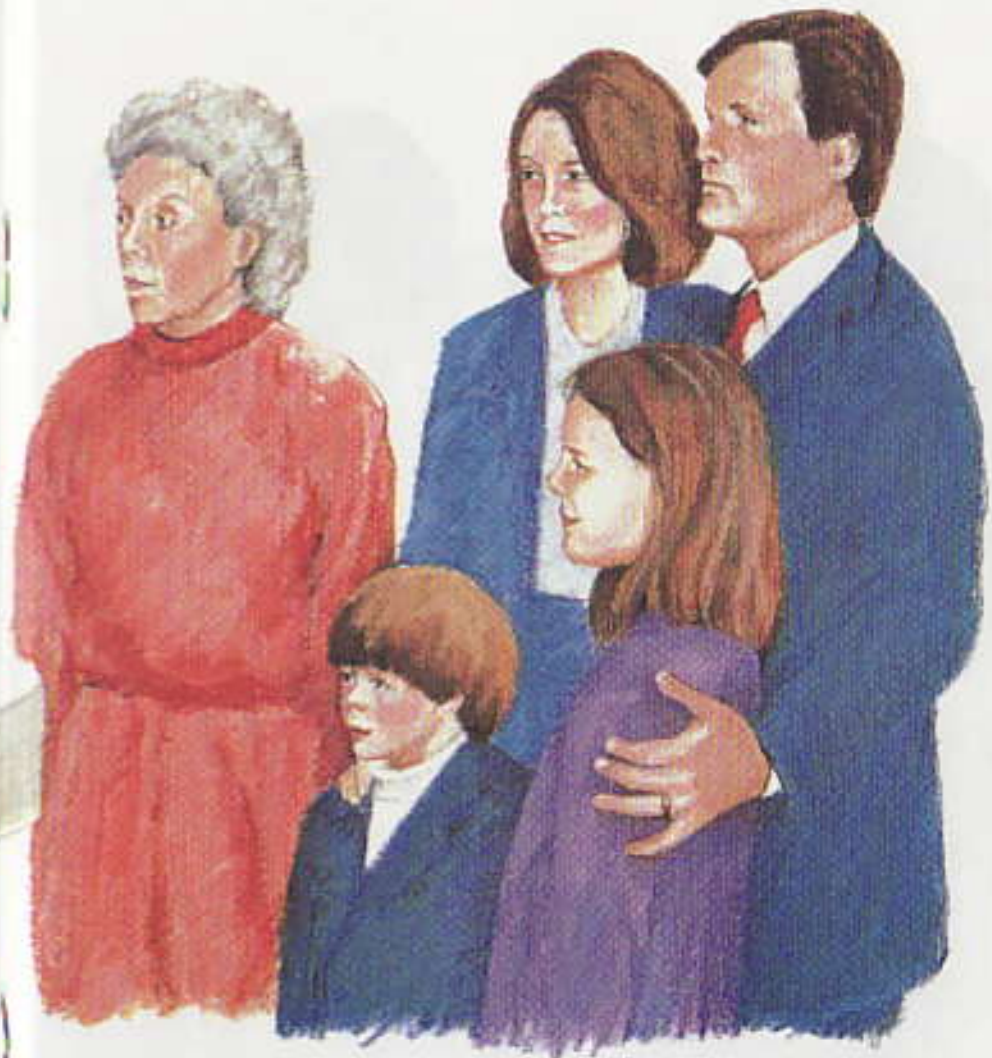
The people prayed and sang
as they worshiped until
the time for baptizing came.



Around the font they gathered
and said the baby's name.



The baby was held near the water when the priest spoke these words:



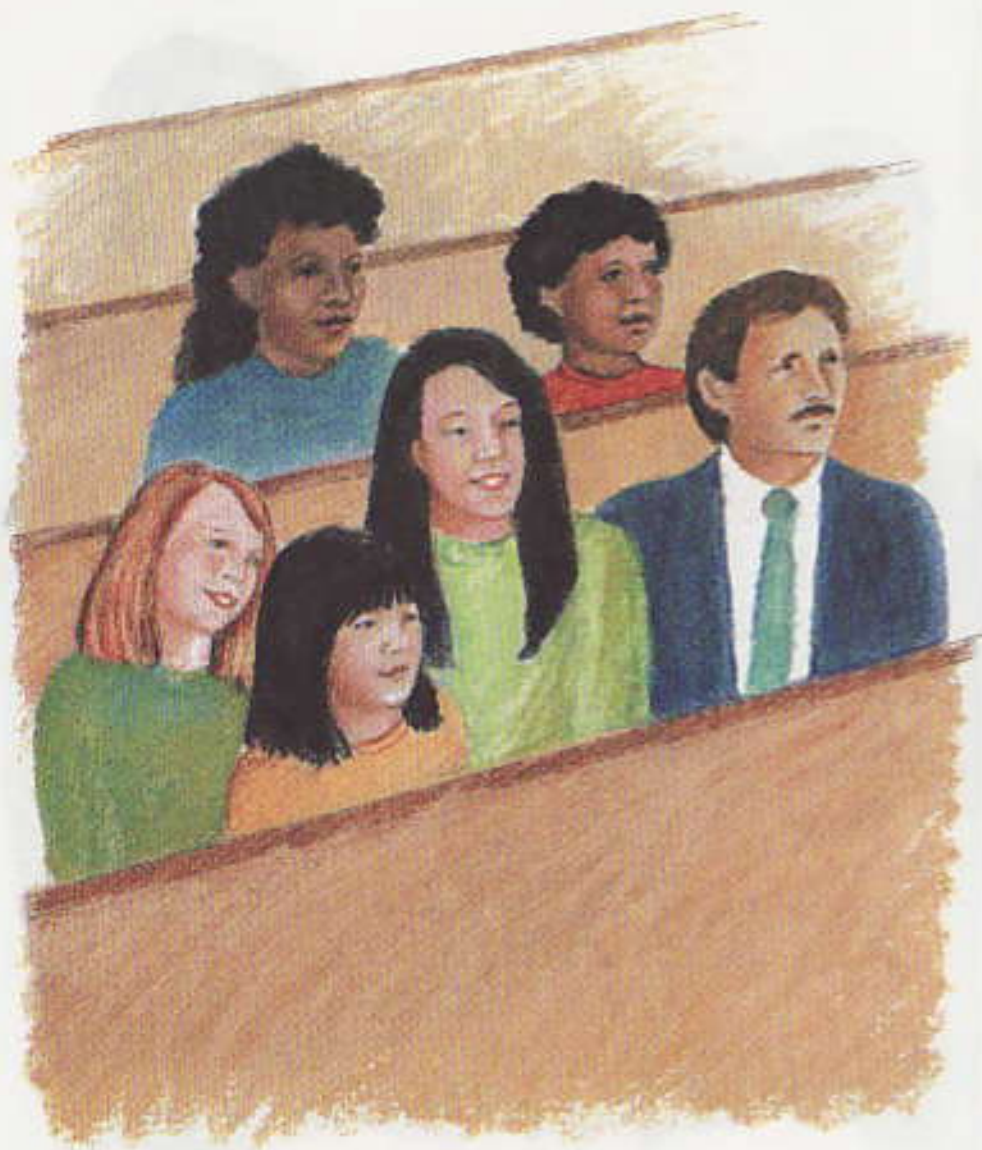
_____, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."



And then the good news was heard—“You are sealed by the Holy Spirit . . .



and marked as one of Christ's own.”



Amid joy and celebration



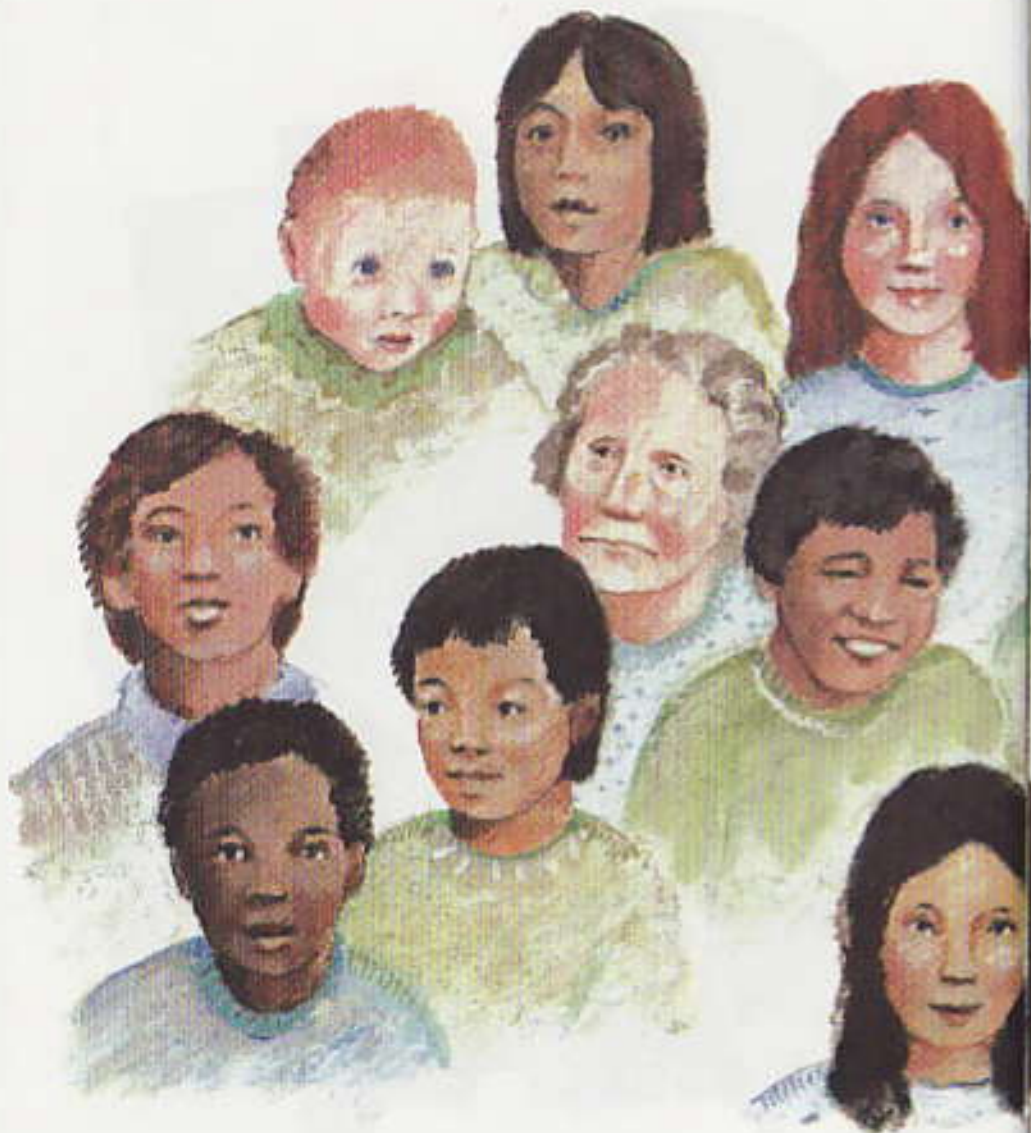
the child was welcomed home.



The boy and the girl shared
stories about their
own special times,



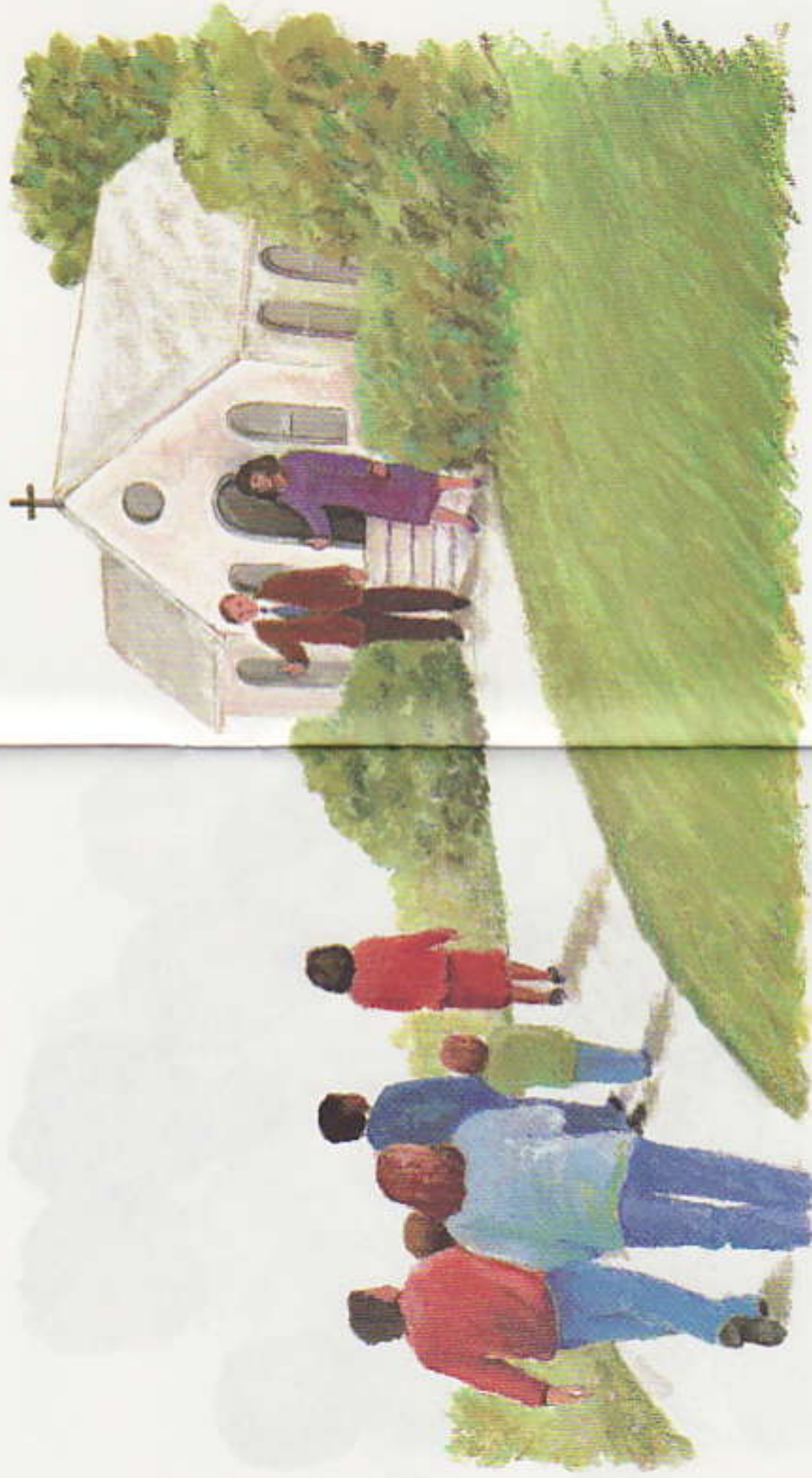
when they, too, were baptized
and marked with the
cross as a sign.



Everyone can be baptized . . .



no matter how young or old.



Jesus calls God's people

into the Church's fold.

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