The Gift of Water

Water is a sign of God’s power. Water is also one of God’s many gifts to us. Since the beginning of time, God has provided water as a sign of life.

Read the examples below of water as a sign of life. For each, select and write in the best word or phrase.

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John’s baptism of Jesus

separation of the bodies of water

site of Israelites’ escape from slavery

commissioning of the disciples to baptize all nations

a rainbow symbolizes a new beginning of goodness

cleansing from original sin

water and blood flow from Jesus’ side

Parents, Catechists, Teachers: The examples above are taken from the Blessing of Water for the Easter Vigil. They offer both Old and New Testament signs of God’s saving power of water. Talk about these and ordinary uses of God’s lifesaving gift of water.