

## Saved and Sent

When I was young, the United States sent the first astronauts on missions to the moon. The original NASA moon program was called Project Apollo.

Astronauts train hard. They need to know what to do in space, so they practice over and over with simulators. After months of training, the crew on the ground and the crew who ride into space are ready for the launch.

Those early Apollo launches were exciting to watch, but they were also scary and filled with danger. Families and classes would gather around a TV to see the astronauts wave and climb into the spacecraft, then listen to the countdown before liftoff! Viewers held their breath until the rocket finally cleared the launch pad and took the astronauts out of sight.

Over the years, there have been other exciting and dangerous missions. The most important one happened many years ago when God sent Jesus to earth to be our Savior. To accomplish His mission, Jesus had to live perfectly and then die for our sins. Through His life and death, He won the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for all who believe in Him. We are so thankful He did that for us. It was a mission we could not have accomplished.

We who believe in Jesus are sent too. As baptized children of God, we study God's Word to get ready. We daily repent of our sins and launch into our new life in Jesus. Today's journey will not take us to the moon, but it will take us somewhere on a mission, somewhere to share God's love and story.

### Journal:

*Where are you going today? Identify those places in your journal and think about the people you will meet.*

### Pray:

*Dear Lord, help me daily to live the new life You have created in me through the waters of Baptism. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.* P. L.

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## Thursday

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**Romans 6:3-4**