



Unit 20, Session 1

Jesus’ Baptism

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3;
John 1

Story Point: Jesus obeyed God by being baptized.

John the Baptist began telling people, “Repent and be baptized because God’s kingdom is almost here.” Some people asked John, “Who are you?” John said, “I am not the Messiah.” Long before John was born, the prophet Isaiah said, “Someone is shouting in the wilderness. He says, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord; make His paths straight!’” Isaiah was talking about John. John was supposed to get people ready for Jesus—God’s promised Messiah.

People started to repent; they turned away from their sins and turned to God for forgiveness. Then John baptized them in the Jordan River. John preached, “Someone greater than me is coming. I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” By this time, Jesus was an adult. He went to see John the Baptist at the Jordan River. When John saw Jesus, he said, “Here is

the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” Jesus told John that He wanted to be baptized. But John didn’t think he should baptize Jesus. He baptized people who confessed their sins; Jesus never sinned!

Jesus said, “Allow Me to be baptized. God says this is right.” So John agreed, and he baptized Jesus. Jesus immediately came up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens opened and Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. God’s voice came from heaven. “This is My Son,” the voice said. “I love Him, and I am very pleased with Him!”

Christ Connection: Jesus never sinned, but He obeyed God and was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us of Jesus’ death and resurrection. It reminds us that when we trust in Jesus, we turn from sin and start a new life—a life lived for Jesus.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- More than 40 words can be formed using the letters in the word **BAPTISM**. How many words can you make? List them in the space provided.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How does baptism remind us of Jesus?

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APPLY the Story

- What message do we declare when we are baptized?
- Where do we see the Trinity—the three Persons of God—in today’s Bible story?
- Why does obedience to God bring Him glory?

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APPLY the Story

- Find John 3:30 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His Word and for Jesus' example of obedience through baptism. If you have trusted in Jesus, thank God for new life in Christ.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 6:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 2:38 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 2:18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Titus 3:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 3:23-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 4:12 |