

January 24, 2021  
Preschool Sunday School  
At-Home Lesson



## Jesus' Baptism

John the Baptist was preaching in the country of Judea. People loved John and came to hear and see him whenever they could. Sometimes crowds came to see him by the Jordan river. When the crowds came John would tell them "Change what needs to be changed in your life! God's kingdom is here." People would promise to change for good and John would baptize them to show God they were a new person.

John would exclaim during the baptisms, "The one who is coming will baptize you with God's own spirit! With God's spirit you will be changed from the inside out." One day Jesus appeared while John was in the Jordan river and he asked John to baptize Him. John was unsure but Jesus insisted.

John did what Jesus asked and baptized Him. All the way under the water Jesus went. When he splashed up out of the river, the skies opened and He saw God's spirit.

A dove speared floating down and a voice was heard, "This is my Son, He is the great joy of my life!"



## Scripture: Matthew 3:16 - 17

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

## Family Discussion:

- What are some ways that we use water at home or school? What about at church?
- God uses water to show love in a baptism. Does anyone know what baptism is? Have you ever seen someone get baptized?
- Baptism is an outward demonstration of an internal decision to follow Jesus and experience God's grace.
- Water is used for so many good things. It helps to keep us clean, helps us grow, keeps us hydrated. The next time you use water remember Jesus baptism and God's grace that is offered to each of us. Let us be renewed.

Dear God,  
Today we give thanks for all of creation.  
Thank you for the gifts of courage and  
grace you gift to each of us.  
We know we can grow in our faith  
through prayers and our bible stories.  
Thank you for always loving us!  
We love you!  
Amen