

Bible Lesson

Jesus gets Baptized

Matthew 3; Mark 1; John 1



A voice came out of the sky, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11

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Jesus grew up. At 30 years old, he began his mission. Jesus walked to the Jordan River.

When John saw him, he stopped. John said, "Look, the Lamb of God! He takes away the sins of the world."

Jesus asked to be baptized. But John said, "I need to be baptized by you."

"Let us do so," Jesus said, to fulfill God's plan. John agreed. He lowered Jesus into the river. The water covered Jesus.

Jesus rose, fresh and dripping wet. The sky parted. It was like a present torn open. They saw the Spirit of God. It looked like a bird coming down. The dove stayed on Jesus.

A voice from heaven rang out, "You are my Son, whom I love. With you I am well pleased." This was proof that Jesus is God's Chosen One.

The time had come. Jesus was ready. The people were ready.

God's greatest work was about to begin.

Questions

1. What happened when Jesus got baptized?
2. Baptism is a new beginning. Have you seen anyone get baptized?
3. Baptism does not wash away sin. Baptism shows the world you want to follow Jesus. Do you want to follow Jesus?
4. Have you been baptized? When? Would you like to get baptized?

Pray this Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for setting a good example for me when you got baptized. Thank you for fresh beginnings. I always want to follow your plan for me.
Amen

Draw pictures under the words to illustrate it:

Getting baptized shows the world you want to follow Jesus.

Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

9. Jesus Gets Baptized

Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

Before you read:

Activate Prior Knowledge

- a) What do you think God looks like?
- b) If God was to appear as an animal, what kind of animal do you think he would be? What kind of a bird?
- c) If God was going to speak about Jesus, what would he say? How?

After you read:

What About You?

Have you been baptized? Jesus was baptized, and it pleased God. Use the picture on the title page of the story. Write these words coming from heaven, around the dove, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The Scriptures tell us to get baptized. See Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19-20. Have you been baptized? If so, print, fill out, color in, and frame the certificate on page 6.

A Picture of a Promise

Baptism is a picture. Show some photographs of people. Is that person standing here now? No. But the picture is an image or like a symbol of the real person. Baptism is also a symbol of a bigger thing. Show a wedding ring. A ring that married people wear is a silent symbol to the world that they are already promised to someone. Create silent gestures and actions to "speak" this truth: Baptism is a picture to the world that we now follow Jesus.

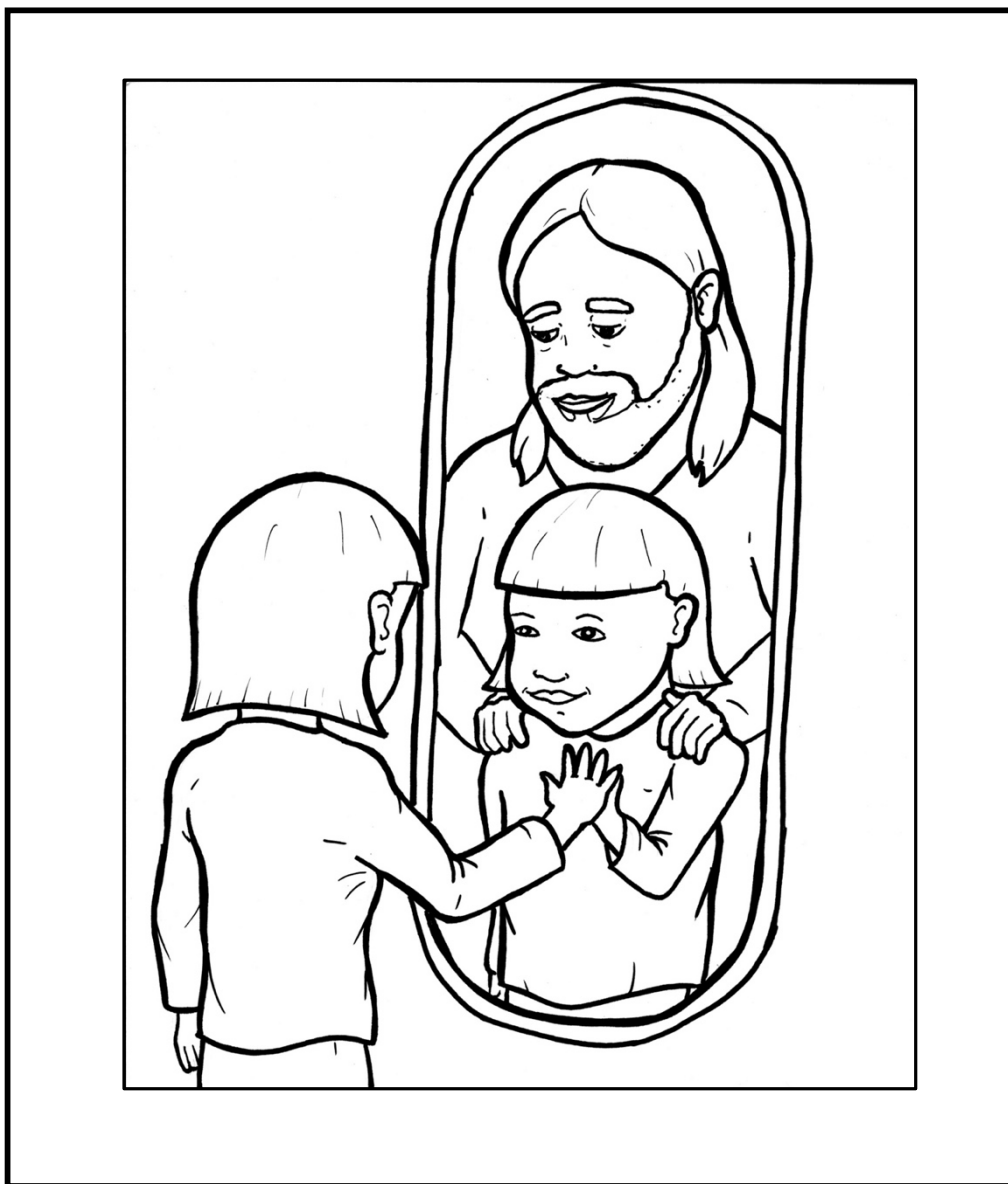
Inside Out: Picture of Jesus

Baptism is a picture of what happened to Jesus. He died, was buried in a tomb, and then rose to life. When you get baptized, you go under the water. That is a picture of Jesus dying and getting buried. He came back to life and rose again. Coming back out of the water is a picture of Jesus rising again. It also reminds us of our eternal life. Bring in a pastor to talk about baptism; share your story. Or plant some flower seeds together while reading Romans 6:3-5.

Inside Out: Picture of You

Baptism is a watery picture on the outside of what happened inside, in your heart. When you asked Jesus to be Lord, you were washed clean and are new again, just like a brand new baby. Have you ever seen a newborn? Maybe it was a little brother or sister. Maybe it was a new kitten. What is the first thing you noticed? Newborns are wet!! – fresh and ready to start a new life. The Bible tells us when we ask Jesus to be our Lord, we are born again. It's like we become a new child, fresh and ready to start a new life with Jesus. Read John 3:3-18.

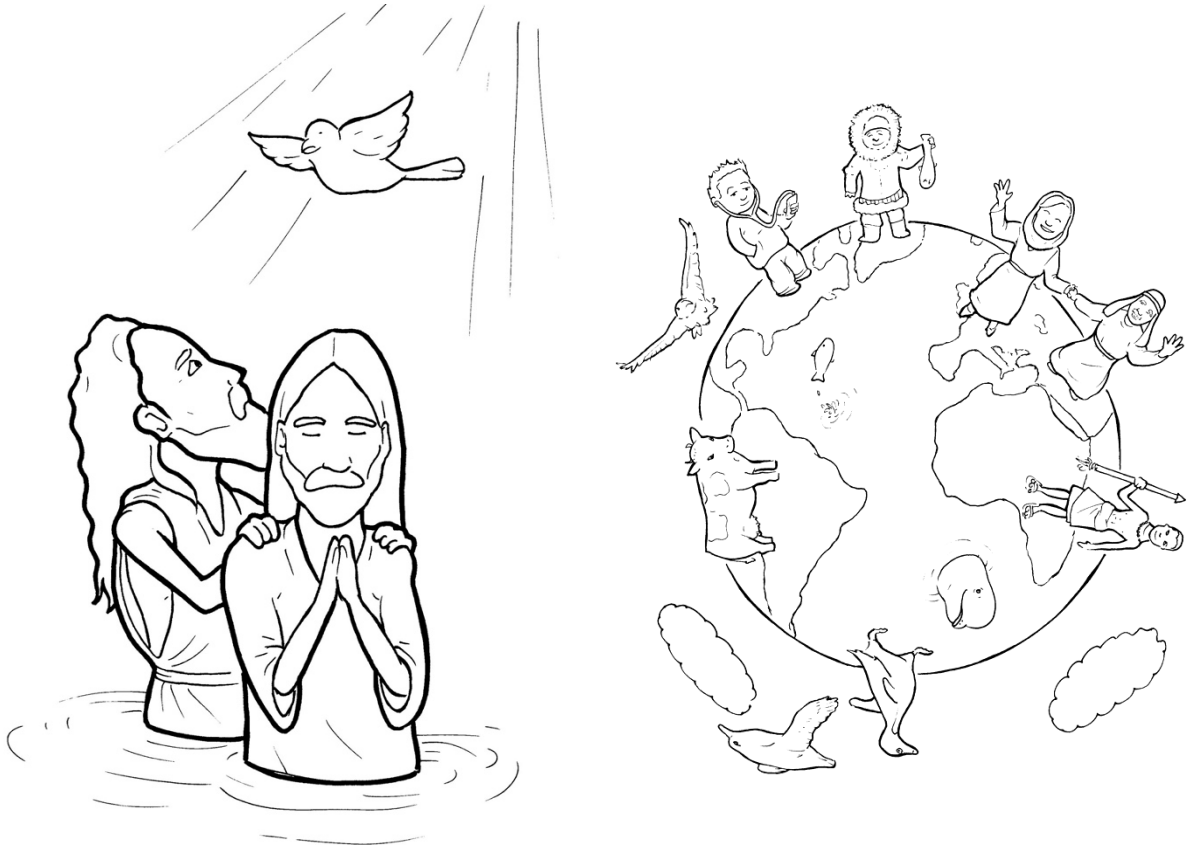
The next time you get out of the shower all wet, look in the mirror and tell yourself, "It's a brand new life and a brand new day. Lord, I want to follow your way." Write the poem in the space around the mirror.



I have been

baptized

into Christ my Lord. World, I want to follow Jesus!



(name)

was baptized on this day: _____

at:

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

The Silent Sign that Shouts

Baptism tells the world you want to follow Jesus. Be proud. Say it out loud. It is the smartest, most important decision you will make. What would you write on this billboard to tell the world that you are now a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?

