

JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

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¹The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”

³ “a voice of one calling in the desert,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore

clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was John doing in the Jordan River?
5		2.) What kind of clothes did John wear?
5		3.) What happened when Jesus came out of the water?
5		4.) What do you think John meant when he said that he was not worthy to untie Jesus' sandals?

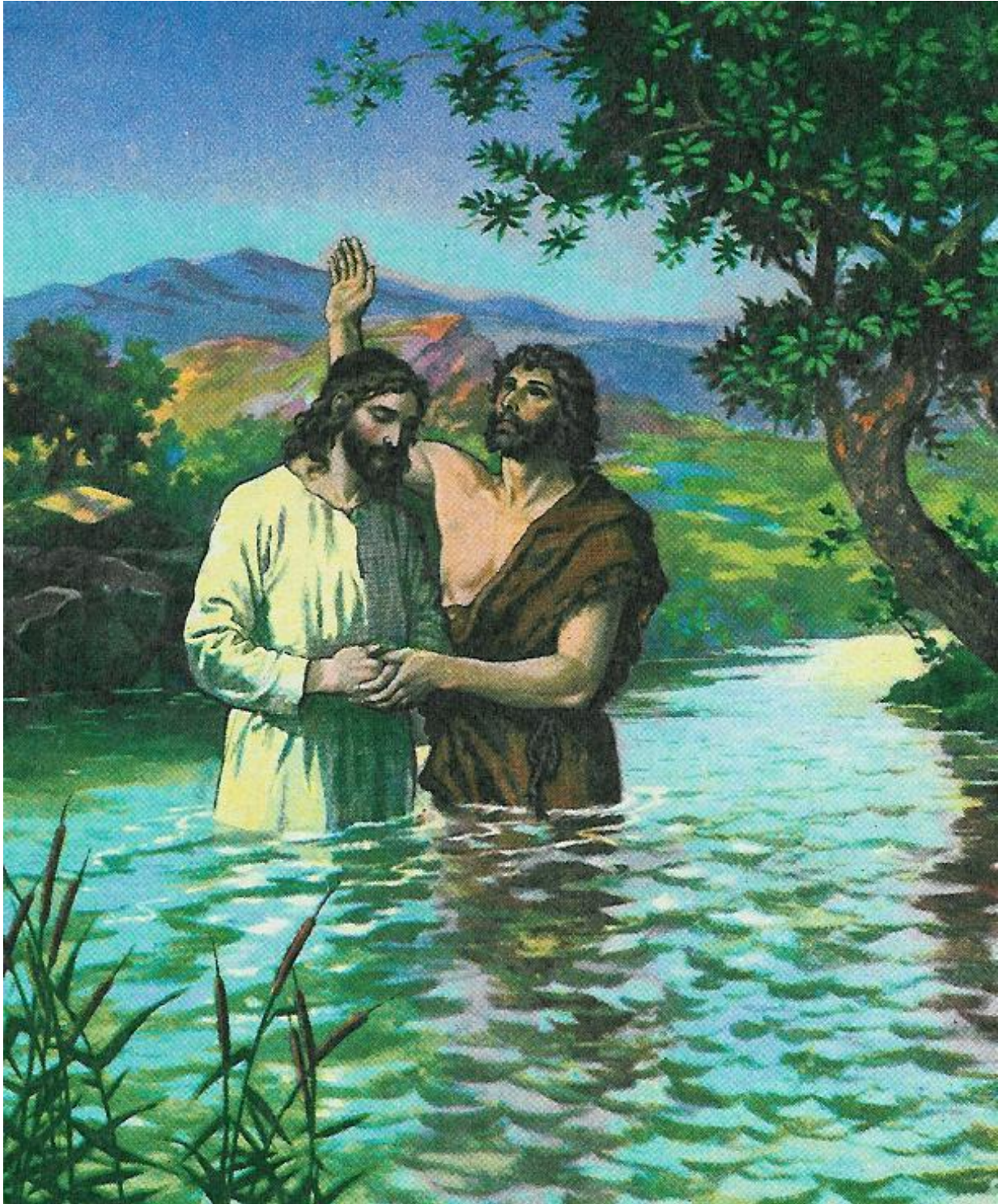
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus like a dove

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: DOVES

Students will make a dove to remind them of how the Spirit of God was like a dove coming down to Jesus.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Dove Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Tape



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy the dove pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students cut out the dove body and wings.
3. Fold wings on the dotted line.
4. Cut a slit through the dove's body on the straight black line.
5. Slip the wings through the slit.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are cutting out their doves, remind them of how the Spirit of God looked like a dove descending on Jesus. Help students realize that Jesus was receiving the Holy Spirit sent from God the Father. Jesus, though born a man, was still God. When students ask Christ into their heart, the Holy Spirit comes in.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

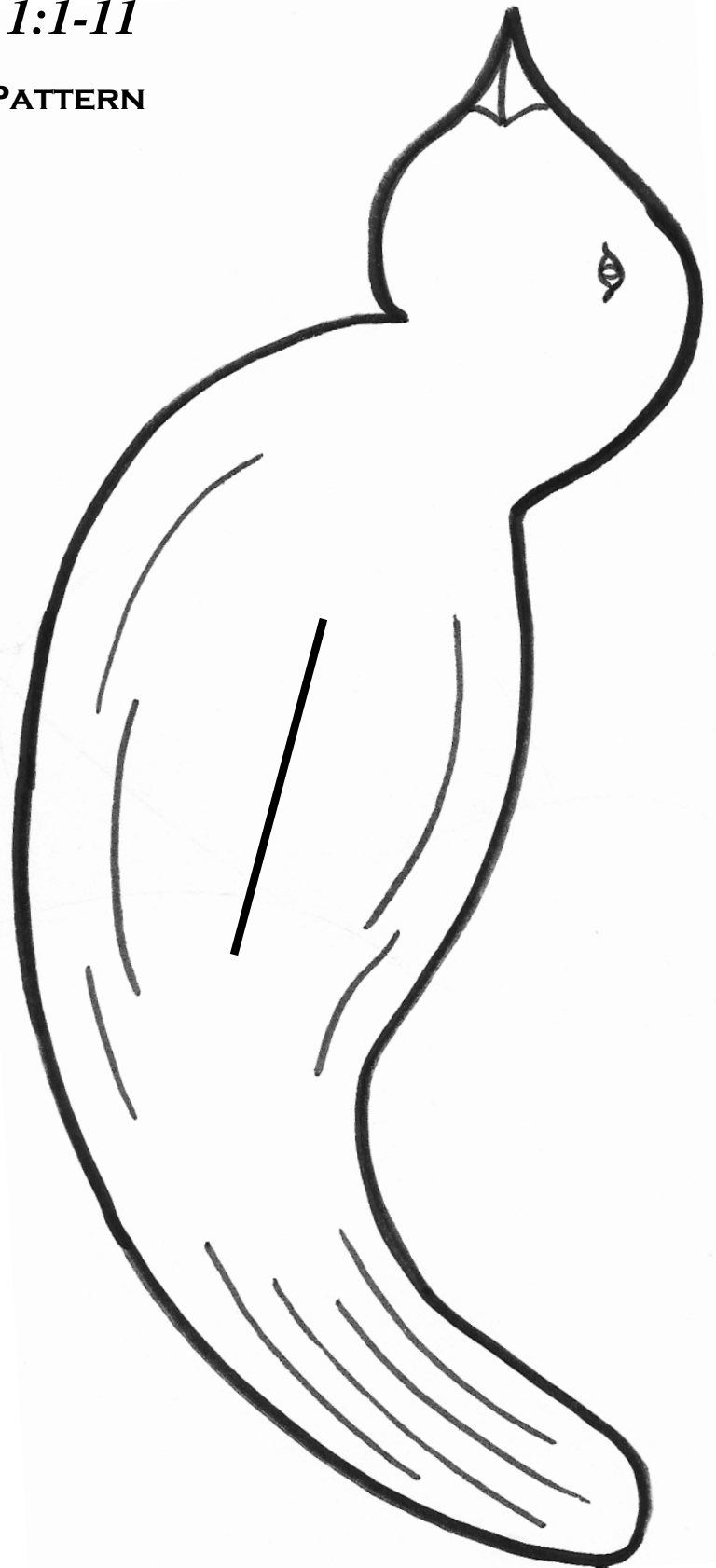
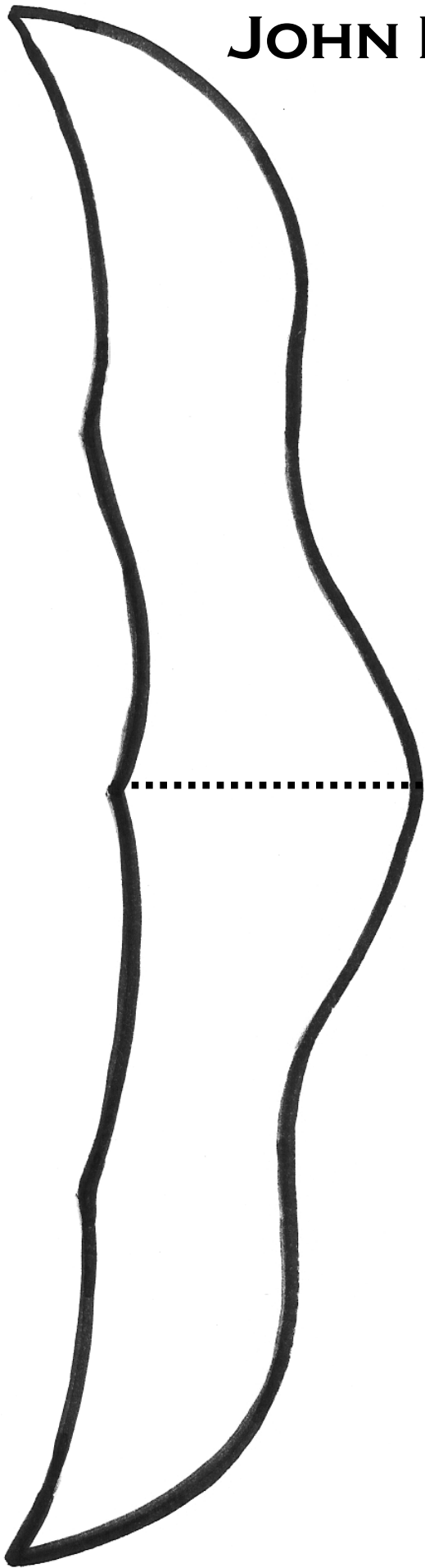
MEMORY VERSE

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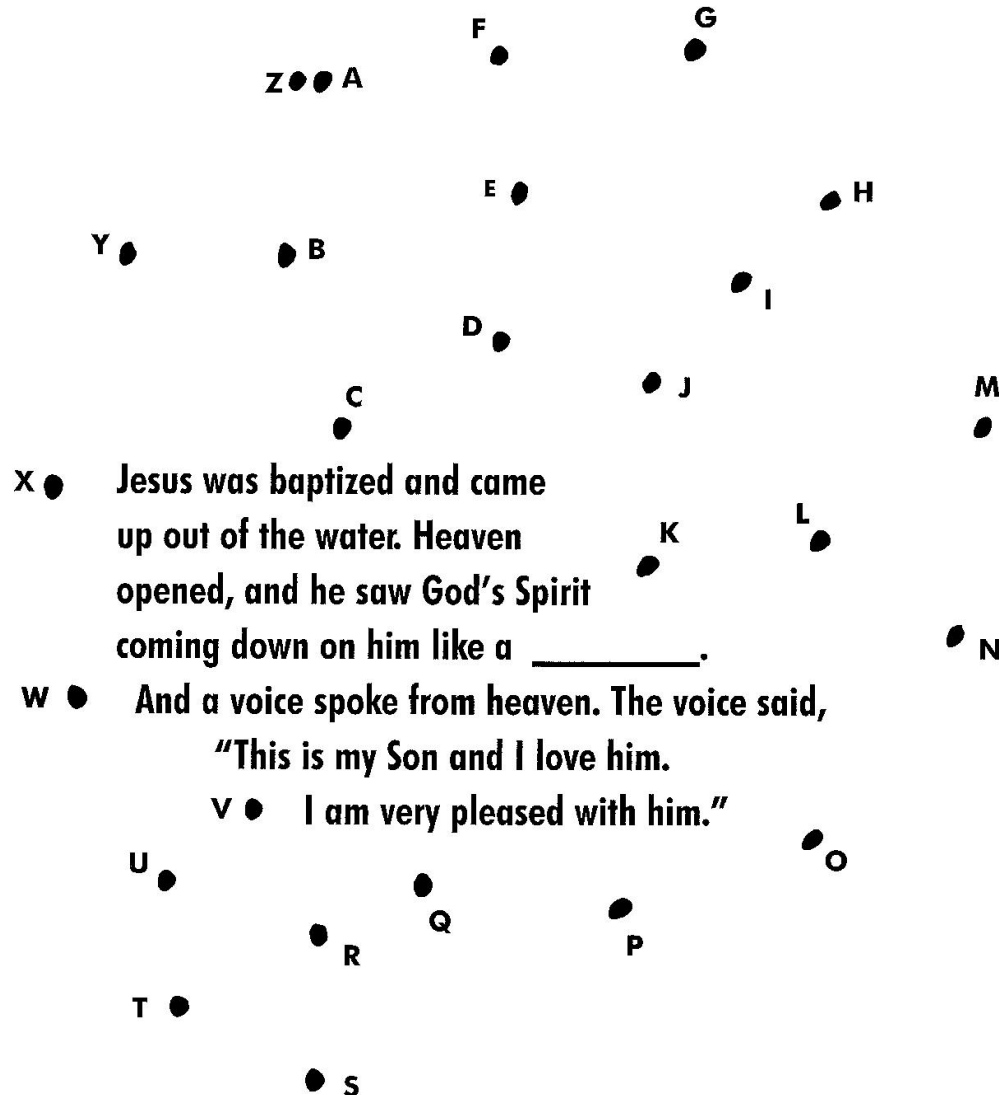
DOVE PATTERN



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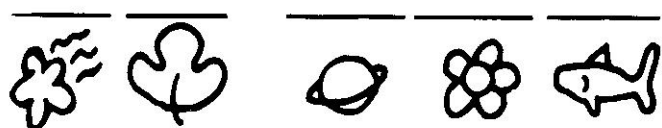
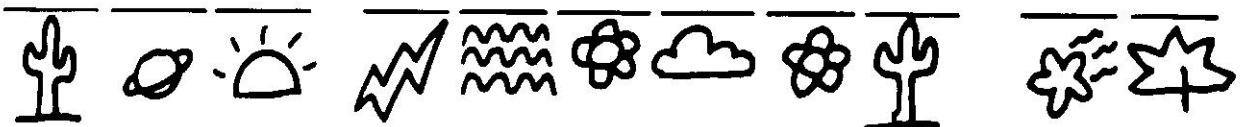
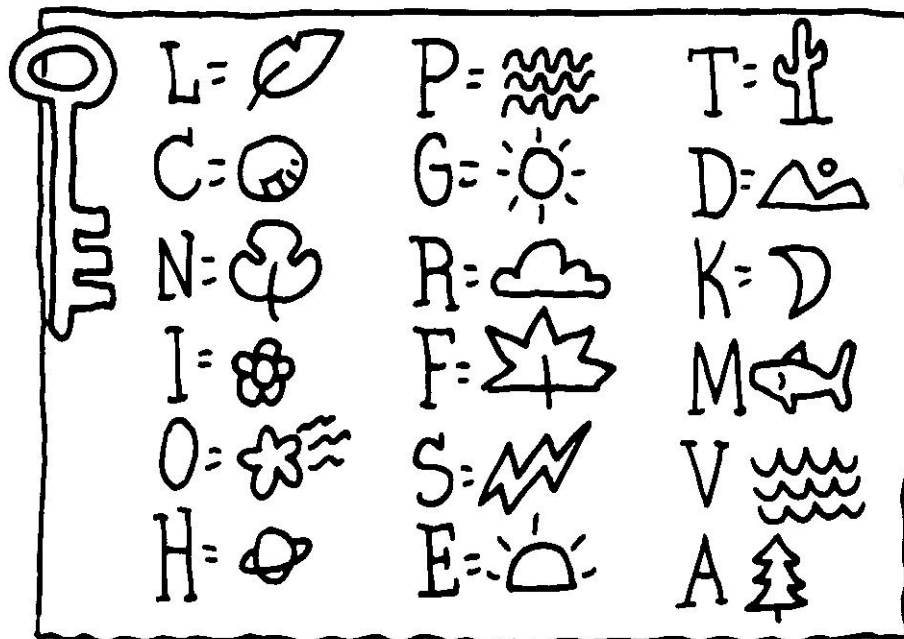
Connect the dots in order from A to Z to make a picture of the word missing from the Scripture below.



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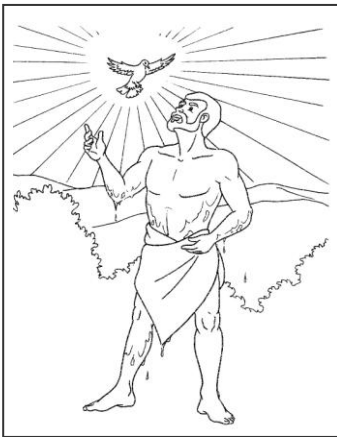
Matthew 3:13-17 tells us of the baptism of Jesus. But what happened when Jesus was baptized? Use the code to find the answer.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MARK 1:1-11

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In the Old Testament book of Isaiah, it was written that a messenger would be sent ahead of Jesus to prepare the way. This was written long before Jesus was born here on earth.

The messenger's name was John. He was preaching a baptism of forgiveness of sins. People came out to see John. They confessed their sins and were baptized by John in the Jordan River.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

John told the people, "After me will come one who is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to untie his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Then Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan River by John. As Jesus was coming out of the water, heaven opened up and the Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove. A voice came from heaven saying, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

For more details, please read Mark 1:1-11 in your Bible.

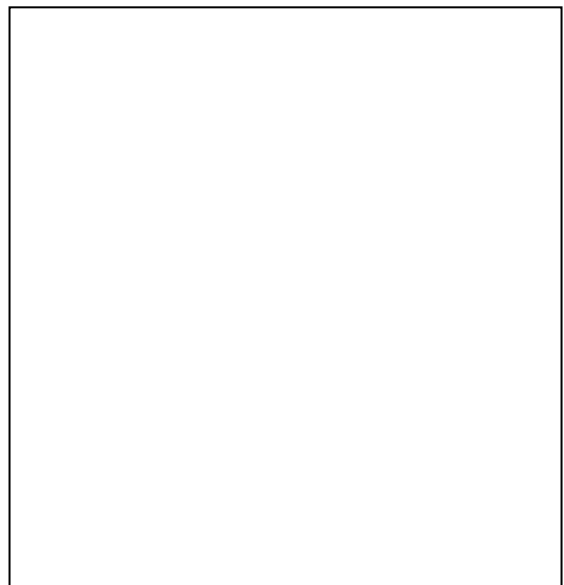
QUESTIONS

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MEMORY VERSE

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

DRAW A PICTURE OF JOHN BAPTIZING JESUS



Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Talk about how baptism is an outward expression of an inward change. It demonstrates to others that the Holy Spirit dwells inside of us once we have received Christ as our savior.

Bible Story Mini Book

John Baptizes Jesus



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Colored by: _____



When Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit came upon him. It looked like a dove.



John was baptizing people in the Jordan River when Jesus came to him.

Memory Verse

“...go and make disciples of all nations ...” Matthew 28:19

Bible Story Rhyme

To the river went Jesus and John,
(Place hands together palm to palm and wiggle them as if floating down a river)

God was proud of his only son.
(Hold up a thumb)

On his head it looked like a dove,
(Place both hands on head and wiggle fingers like a dove has landed)

The Holy Spirit came from above.
(Point to heaven)



**Jesus asked John to
baptize him in the
water.**

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: A feather

Kids affirm each other in this game based on Jesus' baptism.

Have children sit in a circle. Say: When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down and said that God was pleased with him. Today we are going to tell some things that please us about our friends. I'll blow this feather. When it lands on someone, I'll tell one thing about that person that has made me happy. Then the person who the feather landed on will blow the feather to someone else and tell something that has made him or her happy about that person. We'll play until everyone has had the feather. You may need to prompt less verbal children.

This is a great game to end with a prayer. Pray that God will help all of us be the kind of people who please him.

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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