



## **WEEK 10 DAY 1** Jesus obeyed God by being baptized

**REVIEW:** In the beginning, God created a perfect world and had a perfect relationship with Adam and Eve, the people He created to live in His world. When they chose to sin, it broke their relationship with God and messed up everything in creation. God still loved them though, and He had a plan to fix everything. God raised up a nation—the Israelites— and promised to send a Rescuer through them. After thousands of years, the time had come, and Jesus was born into the world. He was fully human and fully God, and He grew into a man. When the time was right, He began His public teaching and ministry by being baptized. Let's study that together this week.

### **Step 1:** Watch

<https://www.crosssound.org/family-videos>

### **Step 2:** Discuss Story

- Several weeks ago we learned about John the Baptist. What was his role? (He was called to prepare the way for Jesus.)
- What did baptism represent at that time? (That their sins had been washed away!)
- Why was John surprised when Jesus approached him to be baptized?

### **Step 3:** Worship – listen and sing along to Michael W. Smith's "Washed Away"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5JeGY81kZo>

### **Step 4:** Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for (including washing away our sins!), and then take turns praying out loud.

**Bonus Family Activity:** More than 40 words can be used with the letters in the word BAPTISM. How many can you find?



## WEEK 10 DAY 2 Jesus obeyed God by being baptized

### Step 1: Read

Matthew 3:13-17 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+3%3A13-17+&version=ESV>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- Where did Jesus' baptism take place?
- According to this passage, how would John have responded?
- What made John agree to baptize Jesus?

### Step 3: Review

- *Memory Verse:* John 3:30 "He must increase, but I must decrease."
- *Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

### Step 4: Worship

Listen and sing along to "I must Decrease: Ignite us" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G\\_KKzWoRBPg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_KKzWoRBPg)

### Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud. Pray about how you can decrease, so that God can increase.

### Curriculum Notes

Our memory verse this week is short, but very important. John the Baptist spoke these words about Jesus when many people who were following John began to follow Jesus instead. John knew that his job was to point people to Jesus, not to take glory for himself. That's our job too!



## **WEEK 10 DAY 3** Jesus obeyed God by being baptized

### **Step 1:** Read

Mark 1:1-11 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1%3A+1-11&version=ESV>

### **Step 2:** Discuss Story

- What happened when Jesus came up out of the water?
- What did the voice from heaven say?
- Why was God pleased with His beloved Son?
- Why is any parent pleased when their child obeys them?

### **Step 3:** Review

- *Memory Verse:* John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.”
- *Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father’s plan and rescue sinners.

### **Step 4:** Worship

Listen and sing along to Hillsong Worship’s “Heaven and Earth”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWB6wadLHQ>

### **Step 5:** Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud.

### **Optional Family Activity**

Make origami doves (see attached instructions below). Or make paper airplanes, and watch them hover over the ground like the Holy Spirit hovered over Jesus.



## WEEK 10 DAY 4 Jesus obeyed God by being baptized

### Step 1: Read

Luke 3:15-22 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+3%3A15-22&version=ESV>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- In this passage, what were the people questioning in their hearts?
- How did John respond? And what did he say Jesus would baptize with?
- What do the winnowing fork, wheat, and chaff represent in this image?
- Again, what did the voice from heaven call Jesus when he came out of the water?
- How does knowing the you are beloved by your Father in heaven make you feel?

### Step 3: Review

- *Memory Verse:* John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.”
- *Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father’s plan and rescue sinners.

### Step 4: Worship – listen and sing along to Jordon Feliz’ “Beloved”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgJFUW3VenY>

### Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud and thanking God that he has made us his beloved children.

### Optional Family Activity

Check out and complete some of the attached activity sheets below.



## WEEK 10 DAY 5 Jesus obeyed God by being baptized

### Step 1: Read

John 1:29-34 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A29-34&version=ESV>

### Step 2: Discuss Story

- In this passage, what did John the Baptist say when he saw Jesus? (Behold the Lamb of God)
- For what purpose did he say he came baptizing? (that he might be revealed to Israel)
- Have you ever seen someone baptized? Have you ever been baptized? If so, talk about what that was like! (If you have a child who is interested in being baptized, we offer a “confirmation” class every Spring for kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up where they have a chance to join the church and be baptized. Our pastors and/or elders would love to meet with anyone who might be interested in taking that step or learning more about baptism).

### Step 3: Review

- *Memory Verse:* John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.”
- *Big Picture Question:* Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father’s plan and rescue sinners.

### Step 4: Worship – listen and sing along to Andrew Peterson’s “Behold the Lamb of God”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFEK68ncZ7o>

### Step 5: Pray

Ask for everyone to share a prayer request and something they want to thank the Lord for, and then take turns praying out loud and thanking God that he has made us his beloved children.

### Curriculum Notes

As we’ve read the various accounts of this same story, you’ve probably noticed that each book of the Bible records the events slightly differently. This doesn’t mean that each account isn’t true. Think about if your family observed an exciting event like your favorite movie star visiting Bainbridge Island. If everyone in your family wrote about it, you would each likely pick up on different details that stuck out to you, with the most important facts being the same. The same is true of each of the Gospels, and as we read each account, we get to have more insight into what happened!

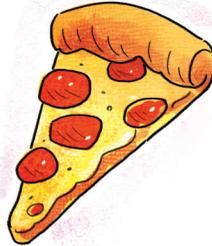
# What Would You Choose?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle the pictures that show the clothes and foods that you would choose.

## Which clothes would you choose?



## Which foods would you choose?



### BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- John the Baptist told people to repent of their sins.
- When people repented, John baptized them in the Jordan River.
- John baptized Jesus even though Jesus never sinned.
- God's Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 3:30

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus become human?  
Jesus became human to rescue sinners.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does the word *repent* mean?
- Why was John surprised Jesus asked John to baptize Him?
- What does baptism remind us of?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

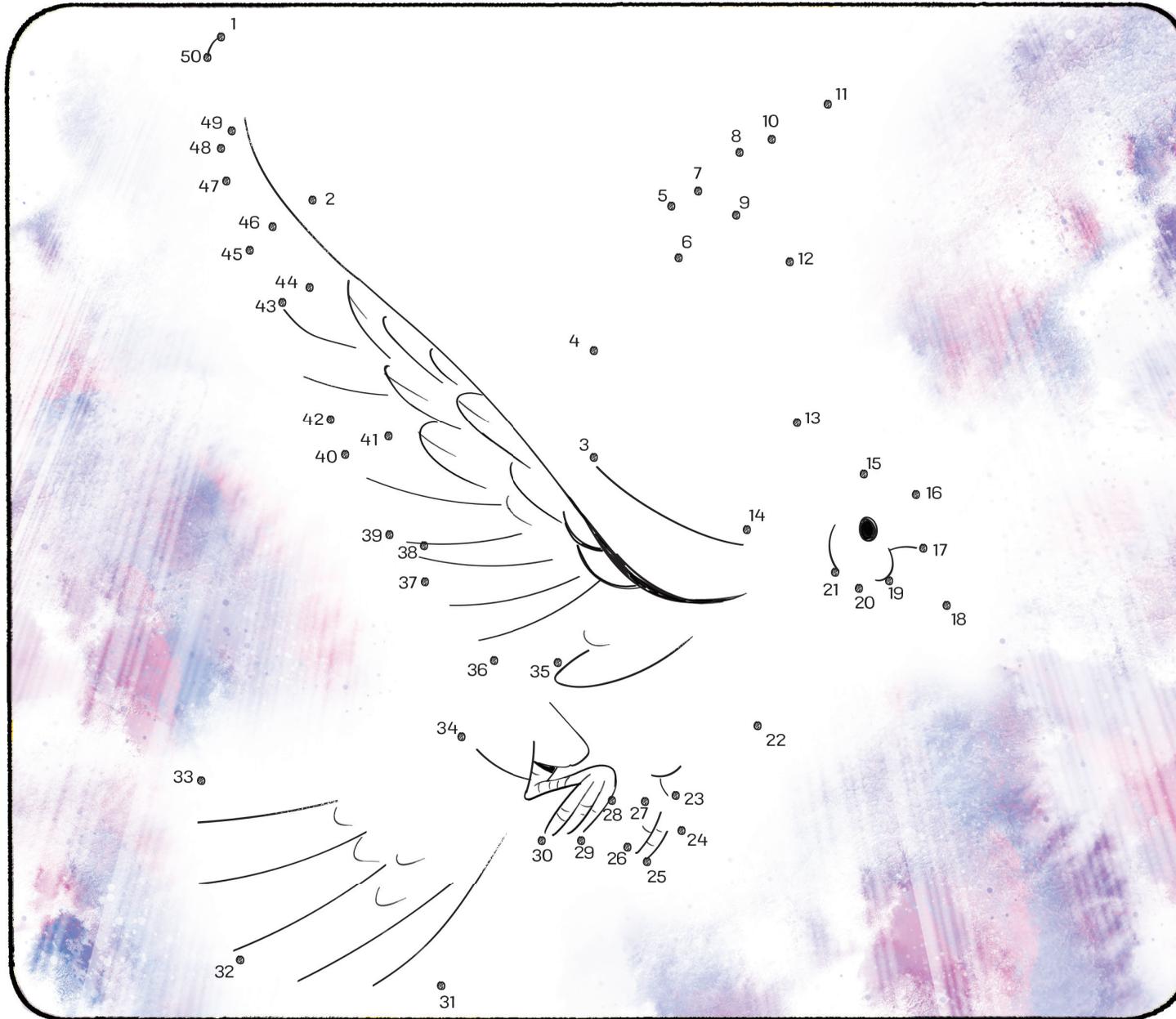
- Invite a friend or family member to tell how and why he or she was baptized. Emphasize faith and repentance.
- Purchase a food-grade pack of edible bugs. Challenge family members to try the bugs with honey. Talk about John's unique diet.



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# Descend Like a ...

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw lines to connect the dots in numerical order.



Younger Kids Activity Pages  
**Unit 20 • Session 1**  
**Jesus' Baptism**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- John the Baptist told people to repent and be ready for the kingdom of God.
- Jesus asked John to baptize Him.
- At first, John did not think it was right for him to baptize Jesus.
- Jesus obeyed God by being baptized.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 3:30

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why did Jesus become human?  
Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why did John think it was odd for him to baptize Jesus?
- Why is baptism important and what does it mean?
- Who should be baptized?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Look up instructions for how to make tie-dye clothing at home. Work with your kids to make fun and colorful shirts or other garment items. Discuss the term *baptism*, and explain how your church handles baptism. Remind kids what baptism symbolizes.



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## Unit 20, Session 1

# Jesus’ Baptism

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3;  
John 1

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**Story Point:** Jesus obeyed God by being baptized.

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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

- 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 |

# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What does baptism help us understand about Jesus and what it means to follow Him?
- Why was Jesus baptized? Why are believers baptized?
- If you have witnessed a baptism or been baptized, describe what it was like.

## Jesus' Baptism

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1

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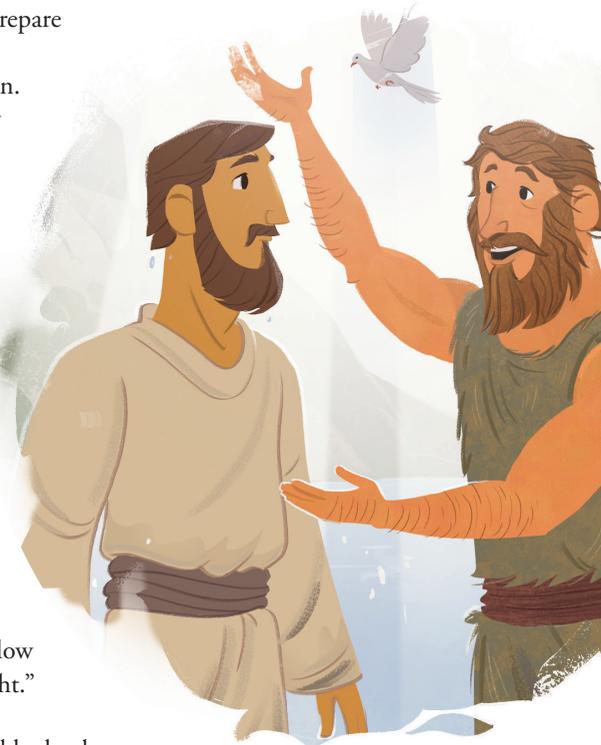
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**Baptism Words** | More than 40 words can be formed using the letters in the word *BAPTISM*. How many words can you make?  
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# BAPTISM

## Tell the Story

Find and read each Bible reference.  
Write what happened in your own words.

Matthew 3:13-14

Matthew 3:16

Matthew 3:15

Matthew 3:17