

Lesson 110: Jesus Is Baptized

[Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/AkMOMcAWKzk>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/Af3d5CZT6GI>

Worship Theme: Jesus is God's Son.

Memory Verse: And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Jesus Christ is Lord of All <https://youtu.be/I-PzUIJ0MVo>
2. God Sent His Son <https://youtu.be/eDsWfEtrnS0>
3. Peace Like a River <https://youtu.be/BqKUDsWZq8s>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: <Water Game>

Material Needed: one chair, small balloons

NOTE: Play this game outside because it can get wet



1. Explain to the children that today's bible story is about Jesus being baptized. Before we learn the lesson, let's play a water game!
2. Give a balloon to each child and ask them to fill it with water.
3. Select a child and ask them to sit on a chair facing away from the children.
4. Children will take turns throwing the balloon at the child on the chair until a balloon hits the child.
5. When the balloon hits the child, then the child can get up and try to guess whose balloon hit them. If the child guesses correctly, then the one who threw the balloon will need to sit on the chair and continue the game.



Introduction:

What do you do to make your parents proud? Do you clean the house? Do you take care of your brother or sister? Do you obey what they say? Today, we will learn about Jesus who made his Father God very proud!

Bible Story:

Jesus had a cousin named John the Baptist. John traveled around the countryside telling others about God. When people decided to believe in God, John baptized them. He would take them into the Jordan River and baptize them in the water. It was a way of showing that they were washing away their sins, starting a new life, and believing in God.

One day, Jesus walked to the Jordan River. He met his cousin John there. Jesus asked John to baptize him, but John the Baptist realized that Jesus was the Son of God who was sinless. So John the Baptist said he should be baptized by Jesus instead. But Jesus told John it was the right thing to do. So Jesus and John walked into the river, and John baptized Jesus there.

When Jesus walked out of the water, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." This shows the Trinity - Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came like a dove, and God the Father spoke from heaven!

At the time God said this, Jesus hadn't even done anything yet! He hadn't started preaching. He hadn't healed anyone. He hadn't died on the cross or risen from the

dead. So why was the Father pleased with Jesus? God was pleased with Jesus because God knew Jesus would obey him. God knew Jesus would show God's love to everyone. God loved Jesus, and Jesus loved him. That's what pleased God!

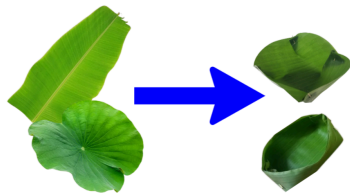
God is pleased with us when we love him! He likes it when we do what he wants, but he knows we can't be perfect, and he doesn't expect us to be. That's why he sent Jesus, his perfect Son, to us. When we believe in Jesus and what he did for us on the cross, God sees Jesus when he looks at us! And that makes us perfect in his sight. That's why we worship Jesus, God's Son!

Questions to discuss:

1. Why did John the Baptist travel around the countryside? (to tell people about God)
2. What did John the Baptist do for people who came to believe in God? (he baptized them in the Jordan River)
3. Why did John the Baptist try to stop Jesus from getting baptized by him? (because he knew Jesus was the Son of God who was sinless)
4. Who is Jesus and why do we worship him? (He is the Son of God)

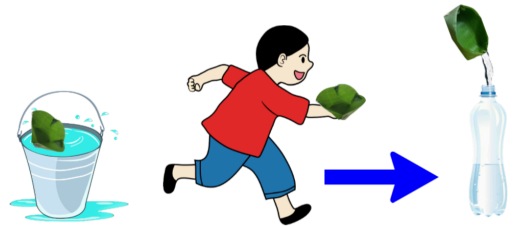
Game: "Fill Up the Water Bottle"

The material needed: 1 water bucket, 2 empty water bottles (1.5L), banana or lotus leaves



1. Fill a big bucket with water and place it at the end of the classroom.
2. Divide the children into 2 groups and give one empty water bottle to each group.

3. Give a banana leaf or lotus leaf to each child and ask them to roll it up in a cone to be able to scoop up water.



4. The children will take turns to run to the big bucket with water to get water to fill up their empty water bottle. The team with more water wins the game.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: "Jesus Is Baptized" - Coloring page

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus is incredible. We should be thankful every day to the Son of God—for showing us the way to God and the beauty of a life lived for him. In his life on earth, Jesus introduced people to God. After Jesus ascended into heaven, his disciples followed his example and led others to believe in God and in Jesus' sacrifice. We should follow the same example to lead others to the same belief. What can you do today to help someone else believe in Jesus?

Jesus Is Baptized



Memory Verse: _____
