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.

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Jesus' Baptism

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1

STORY POINT: JESUS OBEYED GOD BY BEING BAPTIZED.

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. John began telling people, "Repent and be baptized because God's kingdom is almost here."

Some people asked John, "Who are you?"

John said, "I am not the Messiah." Long before John was born, the prophet Isaiah said, "Someone is shouting in the wilderness. He says, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make His paths straight!'" Isaiah was talking about John. John was supposed to get people ready for Jesus—God's promised Messiah.



People started to repent. 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."

Jesus went to see John 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 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 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. 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.

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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? List them in the space provided.

BAPTISM

Tell the Story

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



Matthew 3:13–14

Matthew 3:15

Matthew 3:16

Matthew 3:17

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