



The Beloved Son

Jesus is baptized

Matthew 3:1-3, 13-17; Luke 3:15-16; John 1:29; Malachi 3:1



Review and Discussion:

Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- ★ **What did John tell the people to do?** (“Change your ways. Turn from the bad things you have done. Be baptized.”)
- ★ **What did John say when Jesus came to be baptized?** (“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!”)
- ★ **Who did God say Jesus was when He was baptized?** (God said Jesus is His beloved Son.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child’s understanding:

John knew that Jesus was the special One whom God had sent. That’s why John wanted Jesus to baptize him. But, instead, Jesus told John to baptize Him. And John trusted Him, believing it was the right thing to do.



Explore God’s Big Story:

Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God’s Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

John told people to turn from the bad things they had done and be baptized. Baptism is a way to show the washing away of sin. It’s also a way of showing that you want to follow and obey God. Jesus, who is God’s Son, is also called the Lamb of God. He can take our sins away completely.



Memory Verse:

“Look! *(place hand over your brow and look around)*
The Lamb of God *(put hands together, palms up, and raise up)*
who takes away *(pretend to grab something)*
the sin of the world! *(make a big circle in front of you with hands).*”
John 1:29b (NLT)



Talk to God:

Dear God,
Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus. Help me trust Him and do what He says. Please give me strength to change my ways and follow You.
Amen.

