

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Listen to this story of how Jesus met John the Baptist.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Worshiping God - God Sends a Savior

1. [Matthew 3:17](#) says that God spoke from heaven and said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Why do you think God said these words to those who were there?
2. Jesus saw John at the Jordan River, where John baptized people. He wanted John to baptize him, but John didn't want to at first since Jesus, who had never sinned, didn't need to repent and be forgiven. As you listen to this episode, think about why Jesus tells John to baptize him anyway.

Memory Verse

<p>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."</p>
Matthew 3:17

After You Listen

Can you imagine Jesus, who had never sinned, asking John to baptize him? John couldn't imagine it either! But Jesus told John, "For now this is how it should be, because we must do all that God wants us to do." ([Matthew 3:15](#)). Then John agreed and baptized him. So, what does baptism mean?

Baptism is an act of God; God declares that we are his. Our ceremony is an acknowledgment of God's promises. And baptism recalls all the times God brought his people through waters of judgment, from the story of the Flood to the story of the Red Sea to the story of Crossing the Jordan River. Baptism points to Jesus and affirms God's promises. The water symbolizes the washing away of sin in God's forgiveness. [Colossians 2:12-14](#) says baptism symbolizes your faith: your old sinful self is gone, and you have a new life in Jesus.

Read more about Jesus' baptism in [Matthew 3:13-17](#). Want to dig deeper into baptism? Check out [Romans 6:4,5](#), [Acts 2:38](#), and [1 Peter 3:21](#).

Challenge

God spoke at Jesus' baptism, and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. Make a dove craft to remind you of Jesus' baptism. Trace your hand on white paper. Add a yellow beak and an eye with markers or paper. Glue on another colored paper. Print the words, "**This is my son, whom I love**" (**Matthew 3:17**). Share your picture with an adult. Talk to them about what baptism symbolizes.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What was John the Baptist's warning to people?

Answer: Turn back to God. The kingdom will soon be here.

Question 2: True or False. Jesus baptized John.

Answer: False. John baptized Jesus.

Question 3: Fill in the blank. "This is my son, _____."

Answer: "...whom I love."

Question 4: What happened as soon as Jesus was baptised?

Answer: God spoke from heaven and the holy spirit came down like a dove.
