

Jesus is Baptised – Matthew 3:13-17 John 1:29-34

When Jesus and his cousin John were both about 30 years old something amazing happened. It was time for Jesus to start the work that he had come to do. John had left home and had been living in the desert but people came to see him from Jerusalem, Judea and from far and wide. They came because they wanted to hear what God was saying.



John told them that God would send someone soon who was much, much greater than he was and that they needed to repent, that means to say sorry for the wrong things they had done. He told them that they needed to be baptised as a sign that they had been forgiven.



So John baptised lots and lots and lots of people. The people thought John was a great man but John just kept telling them that someone was coming who was much greater than he was.

Who do you think that was?

Yes, that's right it was Jesus!

So ... one day Jesus arrived from Nazareth. He went straight to the River Jordan and when John saw him he said,

"Look the Lamb of God!"

What do you think He meant by that?

He was saying that Jesus was the one whom God had sent. The one that God had sent as a gift, as the promised King and the one who would save them from their sins.

Then Jesus got in the water and asked John to baptise him.



"You should be baptising me" said John.

Jesus then explained to John that this was what God wanted, that this was the right thing to do. So John baptised Jesus in the River Jordan.

And ... this is when something amazing happened!

As Jesus came up out of the water God's spirit came down in the form of a dove and a voice came from heaven, saying,

"This is my son, I love him and I am very pleased with him."



So this really was an amazing event. John recognised that Jesus was the Son of God and after this Jesus would begin to do many amazing miracles and then finally he would die and rise again to save us all just as God had planned and promised.

Verse

Do you remember this verse?

*“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.
God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost,
but have everlasting life.”*

John 3: 16.

It really is what this story is all about. When Jesus was baptised the voice reminded us that Jesus is God's Son. John had already told the people that the one who was coming, Jesus, was coming to save us and give us new life. It's all in this verse.

See if you can say the verse without looking.



Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you God for giving us your son.
Thank you God for loving us so much.
Thank you Jesus for coming down to earth to save us.
Amen

Video Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMNO2MAmwaA>
Saddleback Kids (1½mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUrzll0aQCY>
Bible stories for Kids (1½mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88JYcN2-FiQ>
Kids on the Move (4mins)

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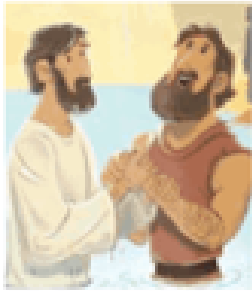
Luke 3:21-22



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Matthew 3:13-17





Jesus' Baptism Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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BAPTIZED BELOVED DOVE
GALILEE HEAVENS JOHN JORDAN
RIGHTEOUSNESS SON WATER