

TODDLER LESSON (0-3 YRS)

Sunday, January 17, 2021

CHURCH AT HOME



Jesus' Baptism

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1

KEY PASSAGE: John 3:30

MAIN POINT: Jesus obeyed God's plan.

Big Picture Question: *Why did Jesus become human?* *Jesus became human to rescue sinners.*

Catechism Question:

Q: What do we mean by true faith?

A: We believe in God the father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; He will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

SUPPLY LIST:

- One Big Story Bible Storybook

The Bible Story: Jesus Was Baptized

BIBLE POINTS

- *Jesus always obeys God perfectly.*
- *God wanted John to baptize Jesus.*
- *Everything Jesus does makes God happy.*



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TELL THE BIBLE STORY (5 minutes)

SIT DOWN with your children and share a snack together. *Cuddle each other close and fully engage with them when reading the Bible story. Provide a bible for your baby to hold and open. Open your Bible to **Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1.** If you have *The One Big Story Bible Storybook*, you can follow along on page 190, *Jesus was Baptized.**

John the Baptist was a special messenger for God. John told people to say they were sorry to God for their wrong choices, and John baptized them in the Jordan River. When the people went under the water, they showed that God had forgiven them. One day, Jesus asked John to baptize Him. John was confused! John said, "Jesus, You never make wrong choices! You need to baptize me!" Jesus said, "God wants you to baptize Me." John obeyed, and he baptized Jesus. When Jesus came out of the water, God's Spirit rested on Jesus like a dove and a voice from heaven said, "You are My beloved Son. I am very happy with You!"



God wanted John to baptize Jesus, even though Jesus never did anything wrong. Today people are baptized to show they follow Jesus. Everything Jesus does makes God happy. **JESUS OBEYED GOD'S PLAN.**

SING

Have your kids sing along: *When I Am Baptized* <https://youtu.be/RCTPeEafBbo>



JESUS OBEYED GOD'S PLAN because of His great love for us. Jesus always obeys God perfectly.

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CATECHISM QUESTION

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If you are able, please consider downloading the **New City Catechism app** on either the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

There are short, simple songs that correspond to some of the catechism questions. To play the song, click the play button in the bottom right corner.

This is a great way for kids to memorize and internalize foundations of the Christian faith.

PRAY

PRAY -Dear Heavenly Father, We pray that you forgive our sins. We thank you for sending Jesus to wash away our sins. And we thank you for allowing us to show that we want to follow Jesus through baptism. Just as Jesus obeyed Your plan, please guide us to obey Your plan. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

EXPERIENCE & APPLY THE STORY

OPTION 1: Jesus Shield/Coat of Arms

Supplies:

1. Poster board, cardboard or cardstock.
2. Scissors.
3. Markers, crayons.


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4. Glue.
5. Sequins, buttons, decorations, etc. (optional).

Description/Make:

Cut a shield from the cardboard/cardstock. Draw and decorate your shield so that it represents your family heritage, faith, talents, hobbies, and interests. You can decorate your shield with glitter, sequins, different types of paper. Here are some examples of some animals and their meanings as well as colors and their meanings if you want to use any of these in your shield/coat of arms. Once you finish making your shield/coat of arms, try making one for Jesus. Think of the symbols that would represent Him and His family.

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| <p>✕ Heraldic Animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bear - ProtectivenessBee - IndustriousnessCamel - PerseveranceDog - LoyaltyDragon - Defender of TreasureEagle - Leadership & DecisivenessFalcon or Hawk - EagernessFox - ClevernessGriffin (part eagle, part lion) - BraveryHorse - Readiness to ServeLion - CouragePelican - Generosity & DevotionRaven - ConstancySnake - AmbitionElk or Deer - Peace & HarmonyTiger - Fierceness & ValorUnicorn - Extreme courageWolf - Constant Vigilance | <p>➤ Heraldic Symbols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Axe - DutifulCrescent - EnlightenmentCrosses - Christian sentimentsCrown - AuthorityFire - EnthusiasmFlaming Heart - PassionHand - Faith & JusticeHeart - SincerityHorns & Antlers - FortitudeLightning - DecisivenessMoon - SerenityOyster Shell - TravelerRing - FidelityScepter - JusticeStar - NobilitySun - GlorySword - WarlikeCastle - Protectiveness |  |
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✕ **Parts of a Coat of Arms**

Field – background colors

- Purple** – royalty or justice
- Red** – strength/military fortitude
- Blue** – loyalty and truthfulness
- Green** – hope, joy, loyalty in love
- Black** – constant or consistent
- Orange** – helpful or having a worthwhile ambition
- Maroon** – patience
- White** – “silver” Peace and sincerity
- Yellow** – “gold” Generosity and elevation of mind

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When Jesus was baptized, God sent a symbol that identified Jesus as the Son of God. God wanted John to baptize Jesus, and the Holy Spirit rested on Jesus like a dove. **JESUS OBEYED GOD'S PLAN.**

People are baptized to show they follow Jesus.

OPTION 2: Coloring Page and Activity Pages (crayons, markers)

Have your child use crayons or markers to color the sheet on the next page.



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