

# Jesus was baptized

*Matthew 3:13-17 ; Mark 1:1-11 ; Luke 3:21-22 ; John 1:19-34*

Unit 19, Lesson 5

## What we learned

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.

## Discussion Questions

- 1. Baptism is not what saves us. Baptism is a way we show that we have been saved by placing our trust in Jesus and following Him.**
  - We trust in Jesus to cleanse us from sin. What do you think the water of baptism represents?
  - John the Baptist was born with a very important job: to get people ready for Jesus the Promised Messiah. How does it feel knowing that God is so powerful that He controls everything and prepares us to know Him?
  - After John baptized Jesus, a voice came from heaven saying “this is My Son and I am very pleased with Him!” Do you love when a parent is pleased with you?
- 2. John the Baptist told people to repent of their sins, which means to stop and turn away from bad thoughts and choices and turn to God for forgiveness.**
  - If we hurt others, why is it important to ask for forgiveness?
  - John called Jesus the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” When you think of a lamb, does it seem innocent or mean?
  - John said, “I baptize you with water, but Jesus will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter and gives spiritual gifts and causes spiritual fruit like love and joy and patience to come out of us. Why do we need this so much?”

## Memory Verse for this unit

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am chief.”

- 1 Timothy 1:15

## Pray Together

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

Luke 2:52 says “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” We can thank God for this reminder that even though Jesus was fully God, Jesus chose to become like us. It also reminds us that because Jesus grew in wisdom and height and favor with God and man, that He invites children to do the same. James 1:5 says that if we lack wisdom, God gives it abundantly to those who ask. We can all be in prayer throughout this week for God’s wisdom and strength and favor, trusting that God answers because His Word says He will.

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