

## Lesson #58: John Baptizes Jesus

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

**Youtube Link:** [https://youtu.be/IJ\\_IbWuscjE](https://youtu.be/IJ_IbWuscjE)

**Children's Bible Story Video:** [https://youtu.be/W\\_Z2V1UQ1n4](https://youtu.be/W_Z2V1UQ1n4)

**Worship Theme:** Jesus is God's Son.

**Memory Verse:** "And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11)

### **Songs (Youtube links):**

1. Jesus Is the Lord <https://youtu.be/I-PzUIJ0MVo>
2. I Know That <https://youtu.be/ywt-KvGIQcE>
3. God Sent His Son <https://youtu.be/eDsWfEtrnS0>

### **Pray**

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

### **Icebreaker: "Red Light, Green Light"**



1. Designate one side of the room to be "red light" and the other side of the room to be "green light." The middle of the room is "yellow light."
2. Have the children stand in one line in the middle of the room - the yellow light.
3. Teacher will say either "Red light" "Green light" or "Yellow light," and the children have to run to the correct side.
4. Explain to the children that the different color lights are signs that tell us to stop, go, or slow down. In the same way,

God used signs to let us know that Jesus is the Son of God.

### **Introduction:**

Who is John the Baptist? (Let the children answer.) John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus. He lived in the wilderness and wore clothes made of camel hair and ate locust and wild honey. Remember him? Today, we will learn about Jesus meeting John the Baptist when he is 30 years old. Let's find out what happened!

### **Bible Story:**

God sent John the Baptist to preach to people about being forgiven of sins, the things we do against God. When people would come to confess their sins and be forgiven, John would baptize them. Baptism is like a sign. It tells people something very important. Baptism is an outward sign of what Jesus has done for us by dying on the cross. But Jesus did not remain dead! He rose from the dead so that we may rise out of our sins and live for Him. When we believe, repent of our sins, and trust in Jesus for forgiveness, we may be together forever with God and have a relationship with Him here on earth. And baptism is a sign to show others that you will now live together with God forever.

In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and saw that John was baptizing people. And Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. Jesus was perfect. He never sinned. Did he need to be baptized? No! Jesus wanted to be obedient to God the Father in every single way. Though he did not have to be baptized, he chose to be baptized in order to show everyone that he was following God and being obedient to God the Father.

In fact, this is what Mark 1:10-11 says happened when Jesus was baptized: "Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit

descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Whose voice do you think that was? It was God the Father’s voice. Through speaking, God was giving everyone a sign that Jesus was His Son. So, Jesus’ baptism had three very important signs. Can you count the three signs? **Number one** (hold up one finger): It was a sign of obedience. **Number two** (hold up two fingers): It was a sign that Jesus was a follower of God. **Number three** (hold up three fingers): It was a sign that Jesus was God’s Son.

After Jesus was baptized, he began His ministry on earth. He taught people about God and performed miracles to reveal to everyone who he was. Jesus is God’s son!

#### Questions to discuss:

1. Who did God send to about being forgiven of sins before Jesus? (John the Baptist)
2. What is baptism? (it is a sign that we show to others in public that we believe in Jesus who died and resurrected for us)
3. Why did Jesus get baptized? (to obey God)
4. What three signs did the baptism of Jesus show? (#1: a sign of obedience; #2: a sign that Jesus was a follower of God; #3 a sign that Jesus was God’s Son)

**Memory Verse:** “And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11)

#### Craft: Jesus Got Baptized

Materials Needed: Cups, popsicle sticks, paper, pens, scissors, tape



1. Decorate your cup with “river waves” or a sunshine scene.
2. Carefully stick a popsicle stick through the bottom of the cup.
3. Draw and color Jesus and a dove and cut them out.
4. Attach “Jesus” onto the popsicle stick.
5. Make another stick with the dove.
6. Watch the dove and Jesus go down into the cup and come up as a sign of baptism.

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

#### Pray

##### Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Have you been baptized yet? Baptism is a public sign for everyone who has made a commitment to be followers of Jesus Christ. It is a sign of death to sin and life in Christ. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he had no sin. But he got baptized by John in obedience to God—to show people publicly that he was following God. If you have been baptized, ask yourself if you are living a life in Christ. If you have not been baptized, consider making this public statement to show others that you want to live a life in Christ.