



Jesus Is Baptized

Lesson Aim: To see God the Father loves Jesus and God loves each of us.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who is With Us

THE WORD

Bible Story: Mark 1:1-11

What He has done: God told Jesus He loved Him and was pleased with Him.

CRAFT: MESSENGER OF LOVE

Purpose: To create a picture of a dove descending with God's message of love at Jesus' baptism.

Supplies: Craft template, sturdy white paper, a white feather (or cotton balls), heart sticker (optional), yarn, glue, crayons or markers

Prepare: For each child, print and cut out the dove template from sturdy paper and punch a hole in the top. For each child, cut an 8-10" piece of yarn.

Directions:

1. Glue a white feather (or cotton balls) on the dove.
2. Optional: Add the heart sticker to the heart.
3. Thread the yarn through the hole and tie a knot to make a hanger.

Ages 2-3 Craft Discussion:

- **John baptized people in the Jordan River. That means John carefully helped people go under the water and come up again. Being baptized is a special way to show you love God.**
- **Who did John baptize?** (The people, Jesus.)
- **When Jesus was baptized, who did God send to show Jesus He loved Him?** (His Spirit which looked like a dove.) **Who else does God love?** (You and me.)
- **God was very happy with Jesus. Who else is God very happy with?** (You and me!)

Ages 4-5 Craft Discussion:

- **Who remembers the Whisper Verse?** ("God loves you.") **Let's say it together with the hand motions.**
- **John baptized people in the Jordan River. That means John dipped people underwater to show they belonged to God. Who did John want the people to be ready for?** (Jesus.)
- **Who else did John baptize?** (Jesus.)
- **When Jesus was baptized, who did God send to show Jesus He loved Him?** (His Spirit which looked like a dove.) **Who else does God love?** (You and me.)
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