



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 2

Jesus is Baptized

Lesson Aim: To study the relationship between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite kind of bird?

GAME: Underwater

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO IS WITH US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 136:26.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD THE FATHER LOVES HIS SON

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus was in His Father's house with the teachers.

Jesus went to the Jordan River to be baptized after He grew up.

Point to the Jordan River near Bethany, Israel on a map.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Mark 1:1-11. Find It First.

Highlight Key Verse: Mark 1:11. Pray.

Jesus' cousin, John, baptized Him. Baptism is a holy time when we are sprinkled or are dipped underwater as a special sign to show everyone we belong to God. Let's find out exactly what happened when Jesus was baptized. Read Mark 1:1-11.

THE WAY GOD AS THE TRINITY

To get their hearts ready for the coming of Jesus, John preached and baptized people in the Jordan River. He told them Jesus was so powerful that John was not even important enough to untie Jesus' sandals. Right before Jesus began His ministry to the people, John baptized Jesus. That means John helped Jesus go

under the water as a sign that Jesus belonged to God and would obey God.

When Jesus came out of the water what did God's voice from heaven say? ("You are my Son, Whom I love; with You I am well pleased.") **How do you think Jesus felt to hear His Father say that?**

One of the greatest mysteries about God is that He is the Trinity which means three-in-one. He is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. What does God the Father do in the story? (He tears open the heavens and speaks about His Son.) **What does God the Son do?** (Jesus is baptized and comes out of the water.) **What does the Holy Spirit do?** (He descends on Jesus like a dove.)

God the Father gave His Son, Jesus. God the Son gave His life to save us. God the Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of those who believe in Jesus to guide them in living each day for Jesus.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God has always been three-in-one. The Bible tells us that Jesus the Son was with God in the beginning. To find out where the Holy Spirit was, let's see what was written thousands of years before He descended like a dove and rested on Jesus. Reveal Genesis 1:1-2, 26. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What was the Holy Spirit doing in the beginning? (Hovering over the waters.) **How does God refer to Himself in Genesis 1:26?** ("Us.") **Who do you think God was talking about when He said, "Let us make man in our image"?** (Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Part of a leather sandal tie
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: John baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Dove Snack

GAME: Order the Story

CRAFT: Three-in-One Mobile

DISCUSSION: The Trinity Mystery

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Find the Verse Race

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW