



UNIT 20 | SESSION 1 | APRIL 4-5, 2020

## Preschool Parent Guide

# Jesus' Baptism

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1

**Story Point:** John baptized Jesus.

**Key Passage:** "He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30

**Christ Connection:** Jesus was baptized to obey the Father.

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the key passage and discussion questions. Check out the [Big Picture Card](#) or [Preschool Activity Page](#) as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

## FOLLOW THE LEADER

(No Supplies Needed)

Encourage your child to line up behind you and do what you do as you walk, march, hop, or skip through the room. Vary your arm movements, make silly faces, and praise your child when they mimic you. Retell the Bible story, inviting them to repeat your facial expressions and hand gestures as you tell it.

**SAY** • Jesus always obeys God perfectly. Jesus never does anything wrong. John the Baptist baptized people who wanted to tell God they were sorry for their sins. God wanted John to baptize Jesus, even though Jesus is not a sinner. Jesus was baptized to obey God. Everything Jesus does makes God happy! Today people are baptized to show they follow Jesus.



## MAKE A DOVE

("Dove" printable, Crayons, Glue, Hole Punch, Ribbon)

Print and cut out the ["Dove" printable](#). Give preschoolers a dove body and two wings. Invite them to glue the wings to the front and back of the dove. Then have them draw eyes and a beak on the dove's body.

**SAY** • When **John baptized Jesus**, the sky opened, and Jesus saw God's Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. Then God's voice came from heaven. "This is My Son," the voice said. "I love Him, and I am very happy with Him!" Baptism reminds us that Jesus died and came back to life. People who know and love Jesus are baptized to show they follow Jesus.

## KEY PASSAGE MOTIONS & ACTIVITY

(Balloon, Permanent Marker)

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. “He (*point up*) must become greater, (*hold arms upward in a V*) but I (*point thumbs to chest*) must become less (*crouch down*)” John 3:30 (*open hands like a book*).

Write the key passage on a balloon. Show your child the words on the deflated balloon. Blow up the balloon and show how the words get bigger. Say the key passage as you bop the balloon together.

**SAY** • Our key passage is words John said in a Bible story we will hear later. John was talking about Jesus. John knew Jesus was more important than him. Jesus is the most important of all! He didn’t think he should baptize Jesus, but **John baptized Jesus** because Jesus said it was the right thing to do.

## REVIEW

Ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

**What did John do when people said they were sorry for disobeying God?** (*He baptized them in the Jordan River.*)

**What did Jesus ask John to do?** (*baptize Him*)

**What happened when John baptized Jesus?** (*The sky opened, and Jesus saw God’s Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. Then God’s voice came from heaven. “This is My Son,” the voice said. “I love Him, and I am very happy with Him!”*)

**SAY** • John called people to turn away from their sins and turn to God, asking Him to forgive them. Then he baptized them. God also said it was right for Jesus to be baptized, even though He never sinned. So, **John baptized Jesus**, too. Baptism reminds us that Jesus died and came back to life, and all people who know and love Jesus are baptized to show they are following Jesus.

## PRAY

Invite your child to share any prayer requests they have.

**SAY** • God, thank you that Jesus came to save people. Thank you that baptism reminds us of that. Help us understand that we need a Savior. Help us to love and obey you. Amen.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

([Big Picture Card for 2s-3s](#) or [Preschool Activity Page for 4s-5s](#), Crayons)

Children may color the Story Point coloring page. Encourage them to do the Activity Page at home with you this week.