

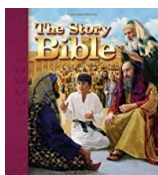
“The Baptism of Jesus”

Bible verse: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
Mark 16:16

~ Because of our Baptism, we are called Christians, a word that means “little Christs.”

~ Baptism connects us to Jesus in a special way. Jesus takes our sin, died on the cross, and rose from the dead. Since He died and rose, we will rise after we die because we are connected to Jesus in Baptism. We are free from the filth and punishment of sin. Freed and cleansed by the great gift of Jesus.

~ Christ paid for our trespasses and rescued us from death and the devil. In Baptism, which is plain water combined with God’s Word, God washes away all our sins and grants us eternal life. We are made His children and an heir of heaven.



Read the Lesson ~ The Baptism of Jesus

The Story Bible ~ Page 293 (Jesus and John the Baptist); Page 297

The Bible ~ Matthew 3, Luke 3, John 1

ASK:

- ◆ What did Jesus ask John to do?
- ◆ What happened after Jesus came up from the water?
- ◆ What do you think is so special about Jesus being baptized?

Note: Jesus was without sin and came to earth to save us. Read Matt. 3:15

DO:

Talk about the day you were baptized. Who baptized you? What was the weather like? Who was there?

Write “I am a child of God” and decorate it. Put it somewhere where you will see it everyday and remember who you are and that you are very special.

PRAY:

Lord God, heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be baptized and making me Your own child when You baptized me. Give me Your Holy Spirit that I may be ready to tell other people about Your great love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Key Point of the Lesson

Jesus was baptized “to fulfill all righteousness” so that our Baptism might give us forgiveness of sins and rescue us from death and the devil.

Law / Gospel

My sins have offended God, trespassed against His Law, and condemned me to eternal punishment in hell. **In Baptism, I am made a child of the heavenly Father and an heir of heaven.**

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Mark 1:9-11

Jesus stepped into the Jordan River to be baptized by John. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a dove. God the Father said from heaven, "This is My beloved Son."

When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit gives us faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin.

Connect the dots to see the dove.

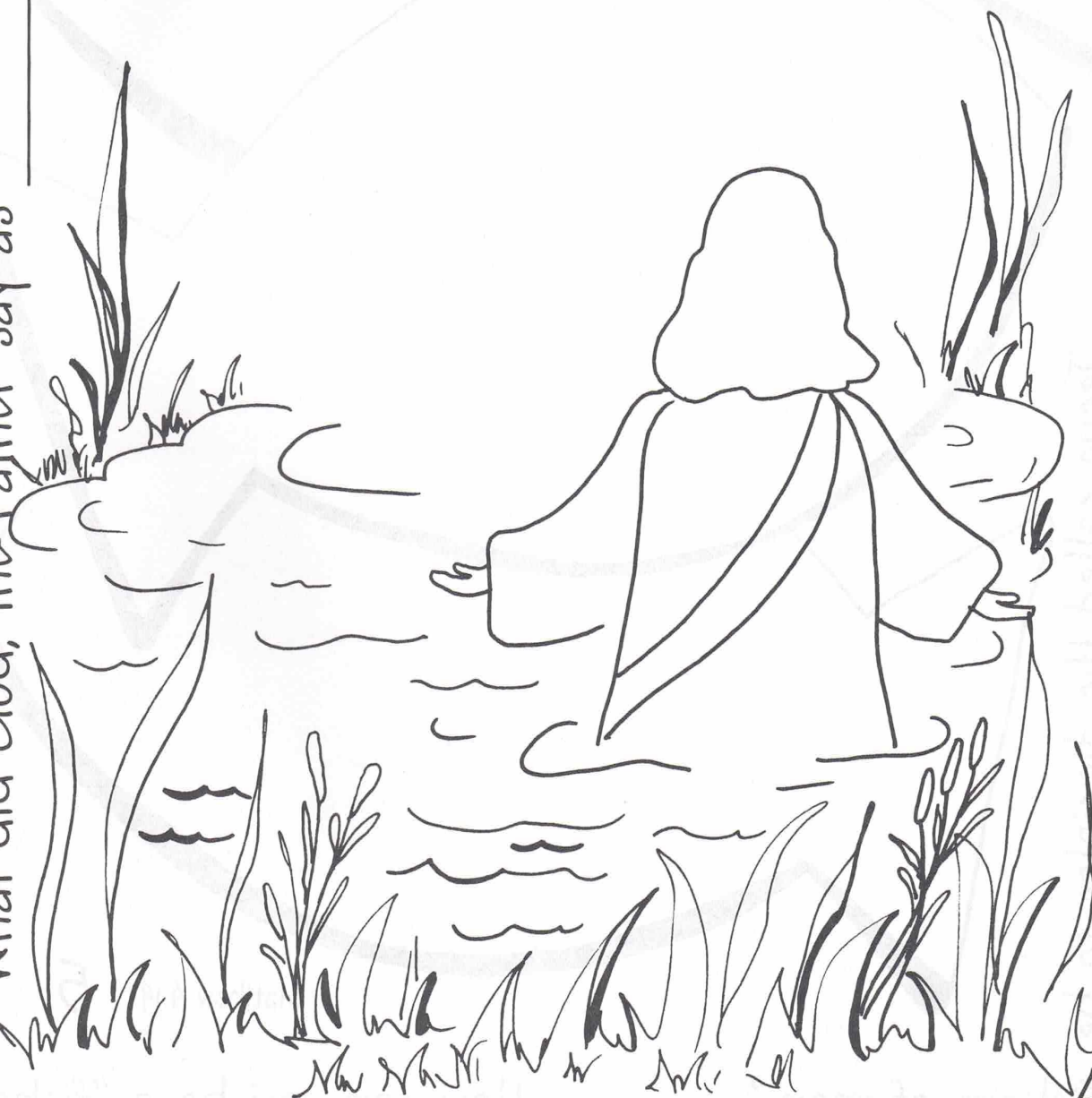


What did God, the Father say as _____ baptized Jesus?

Matthew 3:13-17

Who baptized Jesus?

Draw his picture.



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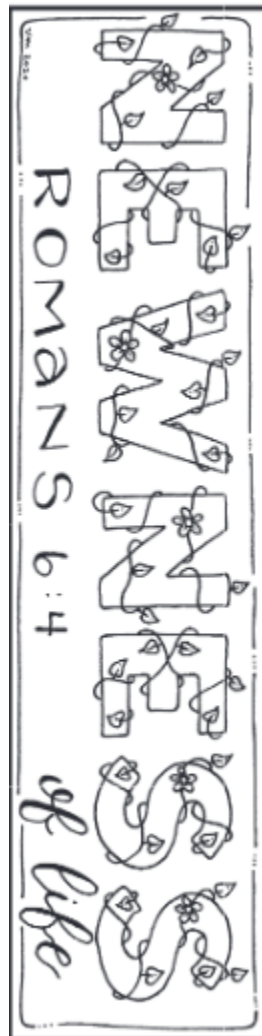
What did you learn about God today?

All of us who were
BAPTIZED
into
CHRIST
were baptized into His
DEATH...
just as Christ was
RAISED
from the dead...
we too might
WALK
in newness of
LIFE.
ROMANS 6:3-4

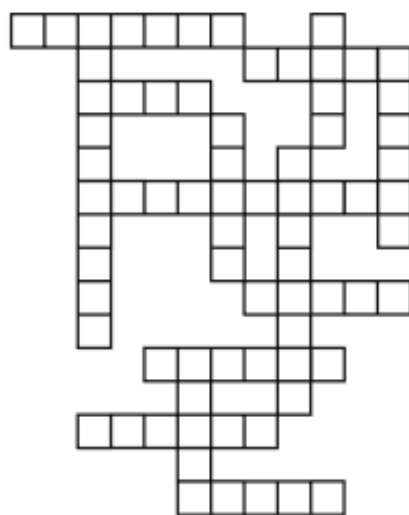


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FARM Word puzzle



WILDERNESS
REPENTANCE
BAPTIZED
NEWNESS
RAISED

HEAVEN
CHRIST
HONEY
DEATH
EARTH

LIGHT
ALIVE
WALK
LIFE

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: **Amen.**

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: **In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)**

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: **And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: **And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" LSB 594

Devotional Talk: *An adult or older child can read this to the family.*

Belonging to Jesus

How do you mark something that belongs to you so that you can always identify it as your own?

Frequently you'll put your name on it or use your initials. If someone borrows it or you lose it you can always identify it can't you?

Baptism marks us as belonging to Jesus. When a person is baptized, the pastor makes the sign of the cross over his forehead and his heart to mark him as someone who was saved by Jesus when He died on the cross. The sign of the cross is like Jesus' initials.

When I write my initials on things that belong to me, I make sure I use a permanent marker. I don't want anything to remove my initials or blur them so they can't be read.

Baptism uses the most permanent marker of all. The pastor baptizes us with water. Normally markers or paints that are made with water are not permanent. But the water of Baptism is connected with God's Word and used in the way that God commanded. Before He went back to heaven. Jesus told His disciples, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). Water used with God's Word marks us as His forever.

When we belong to Jesus through Baptism, we share in all the things He has done. Jesus died on the cross for us. Now we don't have to die as the punishment for our own sins. Jesus came alive again on Easter. Now, through Baptism, we have a new life with Him, a life in which He gives us the power to believe in Him and live the way He wants us to live. Jesus went back to heaven to live with His heavenly Father. Someday we will go to heaven to live with Him forever.

Even though we have been baptized, we continue to sin. But because of Jesus' mark on us, we can come to God and tell Him we are sorry. We know that He will forgive us because we belong to Jesus. God's Holy Spirit helps us remember our Baptism and live for Jesus.

Someday we will stand in heaven next to our Friend, Jesus, still belonging to Him through Baptism. We know that our heavenly Father will welcome us home. Because we have been baptized, we can point to Jesus and say, "I'm His."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus' Baptism. Thank You that He chose to carry our sins to the cross and leave them there. Thank You for giving us Baptism and connecting our lives to Jesus' life, and for washing us clean from sin. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.