

# Jesus' Baptism

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## Overview

Bible Passage: Matthew 3:3-15

Jesus Storybook Bible: Heaven breaks through (200-206)

Big Idea: Jesus is God's Son

Video Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMNO2MAmwA>

## Today's Story

Our story today begins with a man named John! John was - well, to tell you the truth, a bit unusual. He lived in the desert. He wore itchy-scratchy outfits made of camel hair! He had a big, big, bushy beard and long, long, scraggly hair. And here is the wildest thing of all - John only ate honey and BUGS! Can you imagine! Even though John may sound a bit strange, God chose John to have a really important job. God chose John to give a message to all of God's people: "Stop running away from God and run to him instead," John said. "You need to be rescued. I have good news - the Rescuer is coming! Make your hearts ready for him. Yes! Get ready, because your King is coming back for you." What exciting news for God's people to hear! Huge crowds listened to John. They were sorry that they had stopped listening to and loving God. They wanted to be rescued. So John baptized them - which means he plunged them in and out of water. It showed that they wanted to follow God and begin a new life! Well one day, John was baptizing people in the river like normal, and he looked up and saw someone special walking down to the water's edge. God spoke to John and said, "That's Him!" This was so exciting! Here was the person that John had been waiting for his whole life! Jesus walked to John in the river and asked John to baptize him. How incredible! Suddenly, it was as if someone had drawn back curtains in a dark room, as if heaven itself had opened, because a beautiful light broke through the clouds and shone down on Jesus, bathing him in gold. Beads of water glittered and sparkled like tiny diamonds in his hair. A white dove flew down to where they were. And a voice came down from heaven. The voice was clear and loud so everyone could hear. "This is my own Son. And I love him. I am very pleased with him," God said. "Listen to him." The Great Rescue Plan had begun!

## Questions & Activities

1. What crazy thing did John eat?
2. Who was John's message about?
3. Who asked John to baptize them?



Act it out! If you have a pool or during bath time, you and your preschooler can talk about this story in the water!

Pray it out! Thank God for His son, Jesus! Thank Him for Jesus coming to rescue us.

## Memory Verse

Say the memory verse together with these motions to help you remember!

**From that time on (point at wrist)**

**Jesus began to preach (point at mouth)**

**"Repent, (turn around in a circle)**

**Because the kingdom of heaven (point up with both hands)**

**Has come near!" (point to the ground)**

**Matthew 4:17**