



Virginia Agape International Baptist Church

Children's Cell Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing your child to join our service. I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

Today, we'll learn that **"Jesus Was Baptized"** (Matthew 3; Mark 1). *According to today's Bible story, Jesus never did anything wrong, but He was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us that Jesus died and came back to life. People who know and love Jesus are baptized to show they are following Jesus.*

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. Tell your child that we now have the power to say no to sin and choose to obey God. Then pray, thanking God for Jesus' perfect obedience and the new life we have in Him. Through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can live a new life for the glory of Jesus.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

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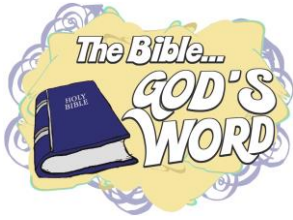
Jesus Was Baptized

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 3; Mark 1

KEY PASSAGE: John 1:29

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: *What did Jesus do to save us?*

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.



John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. His clothes were made out of camel's hair and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. John began telling people, "Repent and be baptized because God's kingdom is almost here."

Long before John was born, the prophet Isaiah said, "Someone is shouting in the wilderness. He says, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make His paths straight!'" Isaiah was talking about John. John had a very important job. He was supposed to get people ready for Jesus—God's promised Messiah.

People started to repent; they turned away from their sins and turned to God for forgiveness. Then John baptized them in the Jordan River. Baptism was a picture that the people's sins had been washed away.

John preached, "Someone greater than me is coming. I am not worthy to remove His sandals. I baptize you with water, but He





will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” John was talking about Jesus.

By this time, Jesus was an adult. He went to see John the Baptist at the Jordan River. When John saw Jesus, he said, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Jesus told John that He wanted to be baptized. But John didn’t think he should baptize Jesus. “I need You to baptize me,” John said. “Why do You want me to baptize You?” John was confused. He baptized people who confessed their sins; Jesus never sinned!

Jesus said, “Allow Me to be baptized. God says this is right.” So John agreed, and he baptized Jesus.

Jesus immediately came up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens opened and Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. God’s voice came from heaven. “This is My Son,” the voice said. “I love Him, and I am very pleased with Him!”

Jesus never sinned, but He obeyed God and was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us of Jesus’ death and resurrection. It reminds us that when we trust in Jesus, we turn from sin and start a new life—a life lived for Jesus.

Key Passage



**John saw Jesus coming toward him,
and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world!”**

« John 1:29 »



REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service will start at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Please encourage and help your child to read and write the Bible. The next Bible quiz will be from **1 Samuel 8**.
- ✓ Upcoming: **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 2
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



"Jesus Called His Disciples" (John 1)



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