

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 174: JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS
MARK 1:1-11

The first words of the Gospel, or the good news, of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Just as it is written in the book of Isaiah the prophet, See, I send my servant ahead of you, who will prepare your way; The voice of one crying in the wilderness (desert), Make ready the way of the Lord, make his roads straight; So John the Baptist came and was baptizing people in the desert wilderness. He told them to be baptized to show that they wanted to change their lives, and then their sins would be forgiven. All the people from Judea, including everyone from Jerusalem, came out to John, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins, which means they were saying that they were sinners. And John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather band about him; and his food was locusts and honey. And he said to them all, There is one coming after me who is greater than I am, whose shoes I am not good enough to undo. I have given you baptism with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. And it came about in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And right away, coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens broken open and the Spirit coming down on him in physical form, like a dove: And a voice came out of heaven, You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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"It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee,
and was baptized by John in the Jordan River." **MARK 1:9**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"Then a voice came from heaven, 'You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"
MARK 1:11

Review Questions

True or False

1. John came baptizing people in the desert wilderness.
2. And NO ONE in the land of Judea, or from Jerusalem, came to him.
3. John was clothed in camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist.
4. John ate crawdads and lobster.
5. He preached that there was another One coming after him who was greater than he was, whose shoes he wasn't worthy to undo.

Questions

1. John said he baptized with water, but what did he say Jesus would baptize with?
2. Who came to John to be baptized in those days?
3. When Jesus came up out of the water, what did He see happen?
4. What did the Holy Spirit look like?
5. What did the voice from heaven say?
6. Who was the voice from heaven?

Lesson 174 Craft

Make a “Wordless Book”

Connect four 3” x 3” pieces of colored construction paper together with a couple of staples, explaining the significance of each color, in the following order:

Black: our hearts full of sin.

Red: the blood of Jesus, shed to save us from sin.

White: He makes our hearts white as snow.

Yellow: One day we will walk with Him in heaven on streets of gold.

Let the children practice turning the sheets as you tell the story. Give those children who would like to tell the story themselves a chance to try.

Optional Children of God Game (if time permits):

Use this action game to help the children realize they are children of God when they ask Jesus into their hearts. Have the children scatter around the room. Encourage children to follow the motions in this action game.

Children of God, wave your hands.

Children of God, jump up and down.

Children of God, turn around.

Children of God, reach for the sky.

Children of God, hop on one foot.

Children of God, hug a friend.

Children of God, sit on the ground.

Children of God, giggle and laugh.

Children of God, let’s say “amen.”

To play again, have the children suggest actions for the children of God to do.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for sending His Son to the Earth and for the great price that was paid for our sins. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them the opportunity to do so.