

Jesus was Baptized

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:1-11;
Luke 3:21-22; John 1:19-34

MAIN POINT: Jesus is God's Son

GOSPEL GEMS:

- Jesus always obeyed God.
- John baptized Jesus to do God's plan.
- Everything Jesus does makes God happy.

FREE PLAY

Have Bible Story coloring pages and crayons out as an option during free play.

LESSON

INTRODUCE THE STORY

Gathering Song

Invite toddlers from free play to join you on the puzzle mats with the song. To the tune of "Are You Sleeping"

*To the mat, to the mat
Right now, right now,
It's time for our story,
It's time for our story,
Right now, right now.*

*To the mat, to the mat
Right now, right now,
[name] to the mats,
[name] to the mats, (repeat as necessary to invite all toddlers)
Right now, right now.*

Welcome Song

Invite toddlers to join you in our weekly welcome song. To the tune of the "Farmer in the Dell".

*I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]
I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]
With all the other boys and girls [point to all the children]
I like to come to church*

*I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]
I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]
I learn about how Jesus loves me [hug yourself]
I like to come to church. [arms over head in triangle]*

Transition to Bible study

Pass out laminated Bible Story picture cards and set out Bible story picture. Have the page with the Bible story you read inside a Bible.

TEACH THE STORY

Introduce the Bible story

Pull objects that represent uses for water from bag. Invite toddlers to name different ways we use water.

SAY • God gave us water for all sorts of things: drinking, cooking, washing, and more. Today we will hear about a very special use for water!

Read Bible Story

Have story nestled inside Bible as you read.

John the Baptist was a special messenger for God. John told people to say they were sorry to God for their wrong choices, and John baptized them in the Jordan River. One day, Jesus asked John to baptize Him. John was confused! Jesus never made wrong choices! John said, “Jesus, You need to baptize me!” Jesus said, “God wants you to baptize Me.” John obeyed, and he baptized Jesus. When Jesus came out of the water, God’s Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove and a voice from heaven said, “You are My beloved Son. I am very happy with You!”

Collect Story Cards (this will be sent home on a ring with all the stories at the end of the quarter)

Sing a Song

Invite toddlers to join you singing the Unit Main Point Song. Repeat several times singing it faster, slower, louder, quieter. To the tune of “London Bridge”

God sent Jesus down to earth, down to earth, down to earth!

God sent Jesus down to earth; Jesus is God’s Son!

SAY Everything Jesus does makes God happy. Jesus is God’s Son.

Pray

Let the toddlers know that we are going to pray before we play with something fun! Invite them to reach their hands up high over their head, shake their arms out, clap their hands together and bring them down into their laps to rest nice and quiet.

SAY • God, thank you for listening to us when we pray. Thank you Thank you for sending your Only Son, Jesus to earth to rescue us from sin. Help us to obey God and our parents. Amen!

EXPERIENCE THE STORY

Baptize People

Roll up toddler's sleeves and provide tub with an inch of water and plastic people figures. Invite toddlers to dip people in water (and pour water on them with little cups). Talk about the story.

SAY • At first, John did not want to baptize Jesus because Jesus never made any wrong choices. Jesus is God's Son. Everything Jesus does makes God happy.

Serve Snack (Gorilla Munch & Water)

John the Baptist

Invite toddlers to color John the Baptist printable. Assist them in folding and gluing front to back with glue sticks. Wrap furry fabric around John and tie it in place. Give toddlers Bible verse sticker to place on John's back.

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Free Play Until Pick-up

Be sure every child goes home with a coloring page even if they did not color one.