

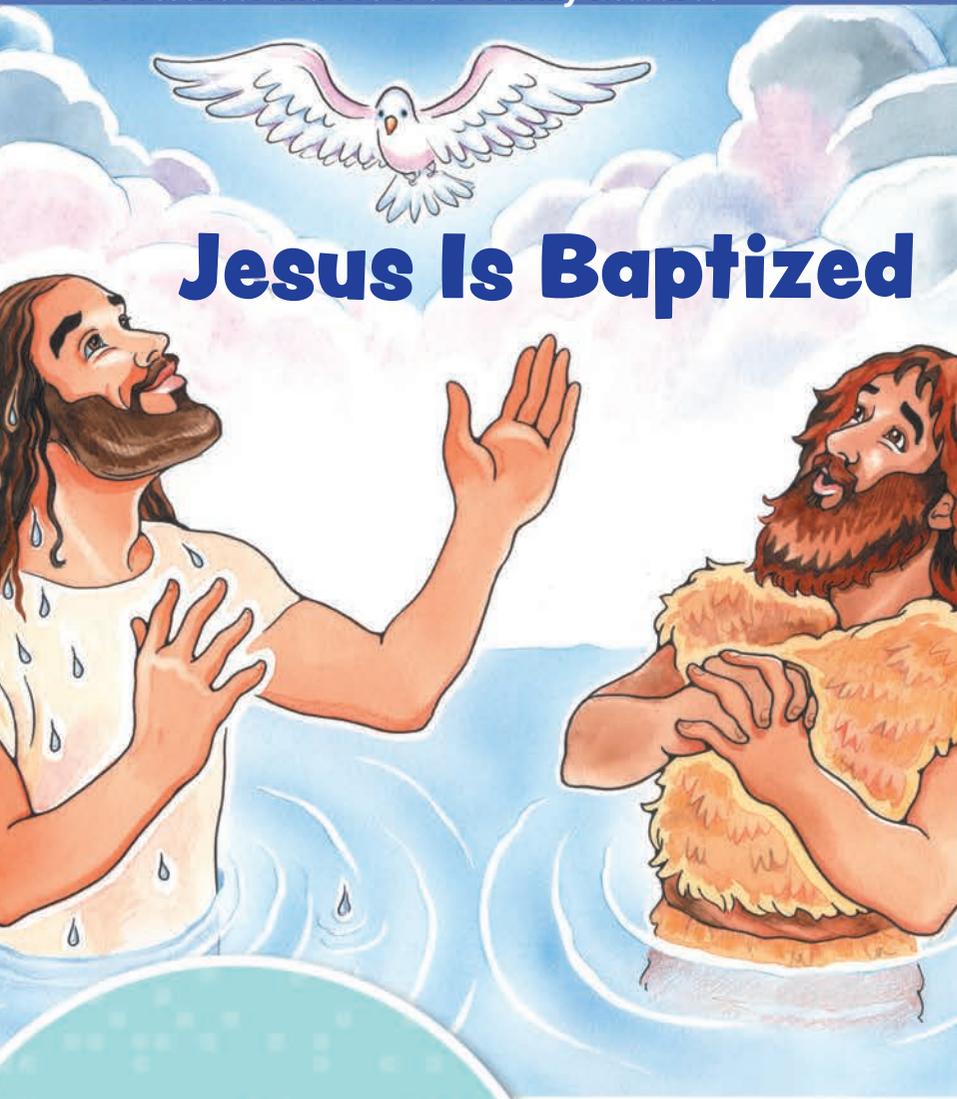
# Heart Tugs

Shaping Hearts with God's Word



A Preschool and Pre-K & K Family Resource

Issue 7



## Jesus Is Baptized

### *A Read-to-Me Bible Story*

from Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:4-11

The Bible tells about a man named John who lived near the Jordan River. John's job was to tell people that Jesus was coming. "Stop making God unhappy. Do what pleases God," John said.

One day Jesus came to John. "Baptize me," Jesus said.

"No," said John. "You should baptize me instead."

"If you baptize me, we will please God," Jesus said. "It is the right thing to do." Then John baptized Jesus. Jesus and John pleased God.

**What was  
John's job?**

**How did Jesus  
and John  
please God?**





# What Was John Like?

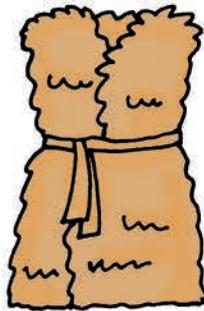
John the Baptist told people that Jesus was coming. John pleased God. Circle the pictures that show where John lived, what he wore, and what he ate.



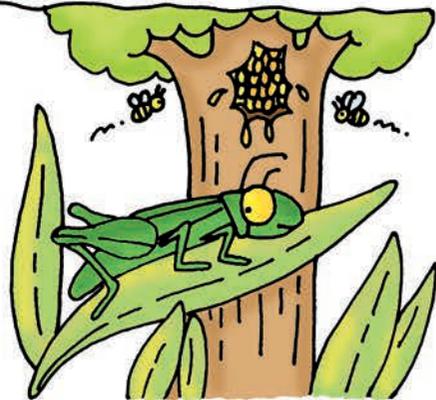
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Who can you tell about Jesus?  
What can you do to please God?

# Please God! March

You can have fun remembering to please God. Gather a group of friends or people in your family. One person can be the leader. March around the room together, saying the rhyme below.

## Everyone:

God, we want to follow You  
In the things we say and do.  
When we share, help, and obey,  
We will please God every day.



**Leader:** Please God.

**Group:** Please God.

**Leader:** Do right.

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**Group:** Do right.

**Everyone:**

Please God!



# Family Talk

God's Word teaches that parents are responsible for

the spiritual growth of their children. There are two ways to raise children up "with the training and teaching of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). First, the example you set is the most powerful teaching tool your children will ever see. The way you model your life after Christ is vital to your children's spiritual development.

The second way to teach is through direct instruction. Read to your child from a children's Bible. Play Bible games. Act out Bible stories together. Think of ways this week to be intentional about modeling and teaching Christlike behavior to your children.



# Bible Memory FUN

Luke 2:52

Find this verse in a family Bible. Sing the Bible verse to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

This week help your child remember:

**We can please God.**

## Family Fun...

**Baptism Experience.** If you have been baptized, share with your child about the day of your baptism. Describe the location and people who were with you. Who baptized you? Why were you baptized? When the opportunity arises, let your child observe a baptism. Encourage your child to ask questions and talk about the baptism. Together, read the story of Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:4-11).

## Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

Thank You, God, for John. He told people about Jesus.

Help me, God, to please You just as Jesus and John pleased You.

God, help me do what is right.

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