

# Jesus is Baptized

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

Bible Memory Verse: “Jesus continued to learn more and more...He pleased God.”  
~ Luke 2:52

Supplies needed for this lesson:

Crayons, scissors, tape, masking/painters tape

Last week we learned about something that happened when Jesus was a boy and went to the temple in Jerusalem. In today’s lesson, Jesus is a grownup. He has studied scripture, prayed and grown tall and strong. He’s ready for the job God sent Him to do. The first thing Jesus does at the start of His ministry is to visit His cousin, John.

John was called John the Baptist. He lived in the desert and he spoke to the people about God. One day, Jesus went to the desert to see John. For our first activity today, we’re going to make puppets to help us act out our true Bible story about Jesus and John the Baptist later in the lesson. Print this week’s Make n share from the end of this lesson plan. (you can print on one piece of paper or two – it doesn’t matter) Finish coloring the puppets. Cut out the puppets along the solid black lines (you can ask a grownup or older sibling to help if needed). Fold the puppets along the dotted lines and tape the sides together, leaving the bottom of each puppet open for your fingers. Great job! Jesus and John pleased God by telling the world about Him. **We can please God** too.

Now let’s find out more about why Jesus went to visit His cousin, John. Click the video link at the LCKids web site to watch Miss Sue and Woolly as they tell us what the book of Matthew in the Bible says about these special cousins. You can also read this true Bible story with your family by clicking the link called *PS-K Bible Story*. You can use the puppets we made in the previous activity as you watch or read.

Jesus and John the Baptist pleased God. **We can please God** too. One way we can please God is to do what is right. Let’s play a game while we learn some ways to do right. Put a piece of tape about 12 inches wide on the floor.

(you could use string instead or just pretend there's a line) Stand in front of the line. Now, jump up and down if you can do right by obeying your parents. Good! Next, jump over the line if you can do right by being kind to your friends. Nice! Finally, hop on one foot on the line if you can do right by sharing. Great job! Another way to please God is to pray. Let's do that now as we end our lesson for this week.

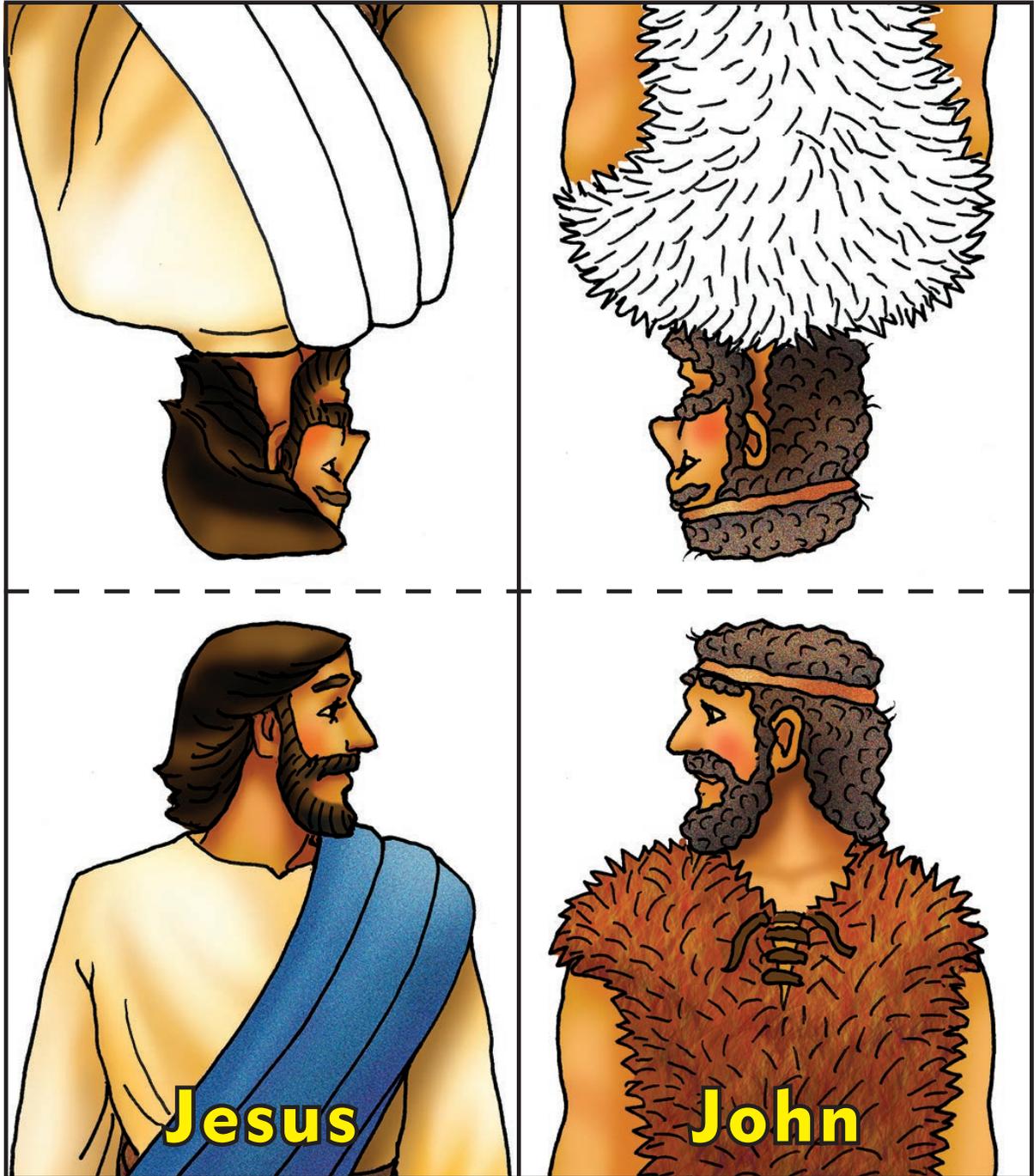
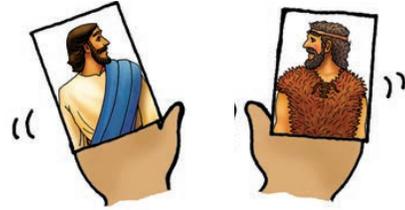
Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus and John the Baptist as examples of how to please You. Help us to do things that please You this week. We love You, Jesus! Amen.

The family take home page, called *Heart Tugs*, can be found at the LCKids web page.

Have a great week!

# John and Jesus Hand Puppets

Lesson 7



**Instructions**

1. Color each puppet to match its other half. Cut apart the hand puppets.
2. Fold each puppet in half. Tape the sides of the puppets together, leaving the bottoms open.
3. Put the puppets over your fingers. Tell the story about what John and Jesus did to please God.

## John baptizes Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11;  
Luke 3:21,22; John 1:29-34

