



# Lesson 28

1st-4th

## BAPTISM OF JESUS

March 8 & 9

**JESUS IS OUR  
EXAMPLE**



### LESSON GOAL:

**Background:** John the Baptist loved God and told people that the Savior of the world was coming soon. He baptized people in the Jordan River to help them prepare their hearts for the coming Savior. One day, Jesus came to the Jordan River and asked John to baptize Him. At first, John tried to talk Him out of it but then Jesus said, "It is right for us to do this. It carries out God's holy plan." As soon as Jesus was baptized, He saw the spirit of God coming down on Him like a dove and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

**Lesson Goal:** For kids to understand Jesus was baptized as part of God's plan to show everyone the importance of baptism. Baptism is an act of obedience to God, showing outwardly the inward change in our hearts. Jesus was obedient to God and lived as an example for us to follow.

Mathew 3:13-17

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**City Serve**  
Saturday, May 2nd

**THEME FOR THIS SERIES:**  
Youtube

### KEY VERSE:



In the same way, **let your light shine so others can see it.** Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)**

*shortened version for younger kids is in bold*

### MISSION FOCUS:

#### CURE INTERNATIONAL

CURE is a group that loves Jesus and helps kids feel better. They have hospitals in Africa and the Philippines where doctors fix things like little feet that need straightening and legs that need help to walk right. Kids from many countries come to CURE to get better!

***During the month of May, you can help by bringing a gift of money to help a child get the care they need or praying for those who are part of CURE.***

Let's be part of God's work in making kids healthy and happy!



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## CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

When you're done, grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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## EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



### DISCUSS: Jesus is Our Example!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!  
*Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.*



Today, we are learning about how **Jesus is Our Example**. This story comes from the Bible in **Mathew 3:13-17**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



## CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



### SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

**1. Who is our story about today?**

Jesus and John the baptist

**2. What is the problem?**

Jesus was perfect and never sinned, but He wanted to be baptized

**3. What will God do?**

Jesus was baptized to show obedience to God and to set the example for us of how we should follow God as well.

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



## MAKE: Jesus gets baptized cup craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

**Supplies:** blue cup, popsicle stick, paper square, God statement sticker, markers/crayons, tape/glue



### DO:

Pass out one paper square per child. Have them color the square. Then have them tape/glue the square to the top of their popsicle stick and stick it through the paper cup. They can decorate their cup and then add the God statement sticker to the outside.



### SAY:

Today we get to learn about Jesus getting baptized! He did this in obedience to God and to show us an example of how we should follow God as well. Let's make a craft to prepare us for our lesson today.



## CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



## Craft Example



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# LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



## EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



## HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



### SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

### MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

### KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

### PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



## WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

**SONG 1:** Open the Eyes of My Heart

**SONG 2:** Yes I Will



## LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



## WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

*May you know that God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to save you from your sins and to show us how to follow God! Jesus is our example!*



## TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

# WORSHIP RESPONSE



## REFLECT: Jesus is Our Example!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

### Worship Response Station

**Supplies:** sticky notes, pens/markers, Cross WR station



#### SAY:

Jesus is our example! Jesus was baptized as part of God's plan to show everyone the importance of baptism. Baptism is an act of obedience to God, showing outwardly the inward change in our hearts. Jesus was obedient to God and lived as an example for us to follow.



#### DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
  - ***What is baptism? It is a way to show everyone around us what God has done in our hearts when we accept Jesus into our hearts.***
    - ***Touch your head if you've had a birthday cake with candles. The candles on the cake tell us what?*** Let kids respond. ***The candles tell us how old the birthday kid is turning!***
    - ***Just like candles, being baptized tells everyone around you that you love and follow Jesus!***
  - ***Jesus was baptized as an example for all of us - to show us how to follow God. And - Jesus was baptized to hint at what was to come, His death on the cross and resurrection.***
    - ***God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins!***
  - ***Let's take a moment now and respond to the good news of Jesus together!***
  - Pass out a sticky note/marker to each kid and say: ***Take a moment and write a thank you note to Jesus! Then, when you're ready, put the note on the Cross.***
  - Close the time by praying over the kids.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



#### SAY:

*May you know that God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to save you from your sins! Jesus is our example!*

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## RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



### APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



**SAY:**

**Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!**

**1. Who was our story about today?**

Jesus and John the Baptist

**2. What was the problem?**

Jesus was perfect and never sinned, but He wanted to be baptized

**3. What did God do?**

Jesus was baptized to show obedience to God and to set the example for us of how we should follow God as well.

**4. Why does this matter to me?**

Baptism is an important step as a believer - while baptism isn't what gives us salvation, it's an act of obedience to God, showing outwardly the change in our hearts.

**5. How can I apply this to my own life?**

Example: Think about what it means that Jesus died on the cross to save me; talk to my grownup about what baptism means, ask your leader about the baptism booklet (EL ONLY)



### PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



**SAY:**

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



**DO:**

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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## CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



**DO:**

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.