



Family

John Baptizes Jesus (Big Bible Storybook pg. 132)

Big Idea

Jesus grew up with friends and family.

Music

J-E-S-U-S – Meeting House Kids

Start: Dove Lacing

Prep: cut out the dove lacing and punch holes around the sides

Supplies:

- Scissors
- Dove lacing printout
- Hole punch
- Yarn or string

- Take turns threading the yarn through the holes on the printout.
- Explain that there is a dove in today's Bible story about Jesus.

Watch:

Watch this week's video

Prayer:

"Thank you, God, that Jesus was baptized by John and that the Holy Spirit came down to him. Thank you that you're our Father in heaven, too! Amen."

Craft: Baptism of Jesus

Supplies:

- Baptism of Jesus activity page
- Chalk or paint or markers or crayons

- Color the activity page in any way you choose!
- As you color, review today's story. Highlight the big idea: **Jesus grew up with family and friends**, just like us. John the Baptist was part of Jesus' family.



Additional Activities

Take One Step

Supplies:

- God sign

- Explain that God wants us to step towards him, not away from him.
- Read aloud the following examples of things we might do or say (or come up with your own). Step towards the God sign if you think it's an example of following God, or away from the sign if you think it's an example of stepping away from God.
 - Give a hug to a family member
 - Say something mean to someone
 - Share your snack
 - Share your toy or book
 - Don't listen to your leader, boss, or caregiver
 - Push someone on the playground or at the store
 - Pray to God
- Return to the middle of the room after each example.

Small Group Discussion

Supplies:

- Small group activity page
- marker

- In this week's Bible story, God said about Jesus: "this is my own Son. And I love him. I am very pleased with him." We are all God's children, too.
- Discuss: what do you think God would say about you?
- Record your answers on the small group page. Put it somewhere at home to remind you during the week of what God thinks of you!

Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Key verse sign
- Scissors
- Verse cards
- Bowl
- Clothespins or tape
- String or twine
- Wal-safe tape

Prep: cut up the key verse cards and place in a bowl. String up a clothesline.

- Review the key verse together, then take turns pulling triangles out of the bowl.
- Work together to place the verse in the correct order on the clothesline.