



All Hands on Deck

Jump In

The first story Mark tells about Jesus is his baptism by John. Mark begins by identifying John as the one whom Isaiah foretold would prepare the way for God's messenger.

Although Mark doesn't provide John's background, we know from the Gospel of Luke that John is the child born to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age. Luke also tells us that Elizabeth was a relative of Mary's, making John the Baptist and Jesus related.

John is baptizing people in the river Jordan, and exhorting people to change their hearts and lives. One day as John was baptizing people, Jesus comes to be baptized. As Jesus was coming out of the water, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended on him like a dove, and a voice from heaven claimed Jesus as God's Son.

Dive Deeper Together

Read Mark 1:9-11 in the Deep Blue Kids Bible or "A Voice in the Wilderness" in the Deep Blue Bible Storybook.

OR

Read "A Voice in the Wilderness": Many people came to the wilderness to hear John the Baptist preach and be baptized. John wanted the people to change their hearts and lives. He wanted people to follow God. One day Jesus walked from Nazareth to the Jordan River. John the Baptist was there, baptizing people in the water of the river. John baptized Jesus in the river. When Jesus came out of the water, he saw a dove flying down to him. Jesus heard God's voice say, "You are my Son, whom I dearly love."

Grow Stronger Together

As you use water in your daily family life, talk about how important water is to us. We need water to drink, to bathe, to wash dishes and clothes. Water is essential to life. Water is used for something special in the church. It is used for baptism. If your children have been baptized, talk about their baptism day. If your children have not been baptized, assure them that God loves them.

Pray Together

Share joys and concerns, and then say this prayer: Dear God, thank you for your son, Jesus. Amen.

Session 7

Unit 2: Jesus, the Greatest Prophet

BV: This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world. (John 6:14)

AP: God sent Jesus to tell us about God.

A Voice in the Wilderness
(Mark 1:9-11)

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