

# Virtual Sunday School Lesson

## Baptism of Jesus (Mark)



### **Bible Verses (NIV):**

#### **Mark 1: 4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

### **Activity: Make Your Father Proud**

**Theme:** Be the kind of child that would be pleasing to God. The baptism of Jesus

**Supplies:** A photo album and a mobile phone

#### **Lesson:**

This is a photo album that has some pictures we took of our son as he was growing up. We started taking pictures of him the very first day he was born and we haven't stopped to this day. People don't use put pictures in photo albums much anymore. I guess you might say that this is the new photo album. (Hold up a mobile phone.) I guess we don't really need a photo album. We always have our camera with us and as soon as we take a photo, it is right there on our phone for all to see. When I see someone at church showing a friend their phone, I can be pretty sure they are showing them a picture of their child or grandchild. Almost everyone is on Facebook these days. When you go to your Facebook page, it is full of the photos posted by your Facebook friends of their children or grandchildren.

Do you know why people like to show pictures of their children? It is because they love them and they are proud of them. They are proud of them on the day they are born and they are proud of them when they learn to walk and talk. They are proud of them when they start to school, when they play sports, or when they play in a piano recital. In each and every stage of life, parents are proud of their children.

Do you think God was proud of his Son, Jesus? I know he was! How do I know? The Bible tells me so! The Bible says that when Jesus was baptized, there was a voice from heaven that said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Why do you think God was proud of his Son? I think it made God proud to watch him grow. The Bible tells us that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52) It always makes a father proud to watch his children grow in maturity and become wiser. And, of course, a father is always proud when his child is well-liked and respected by other people.

Another reason that God was proud of his Son is that Jesus always did what his Father told him to do. Do you always do what your father tells you to do? I doubt if any of us could answer "yes" to that question, but Jesus could. Jesus said "I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." (John 6:38) That would make a Father proud, wouldn't it?

The Bible tells us that when we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we become the children of God. Wouldn't you like to be the kind of child that would cause God to look down from heaven and say, "My child, I'm proud of you!"

### **Closing Prayer**

Dear Father, help us to be more like Jesus, so that we will be the kind of child of whom you can be proud. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Thanks to [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com)

### **Video: KOTM: John the Baptist** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88JYcN2-FiQ>

Kids on the Move: The Story of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus

Duration: 4:19

### **Video: M.E.: Cotton Candy Object Lesson:** <https://youtu.be/PljXsVc5vKI>

Maria Eckersley: This easy object lesson teaches about the blessings of baptism and how we can renew our covenants through repentance and the sacrament. And it doubles as an inexpensive gift for the baptism kids.

Duration: 4:26

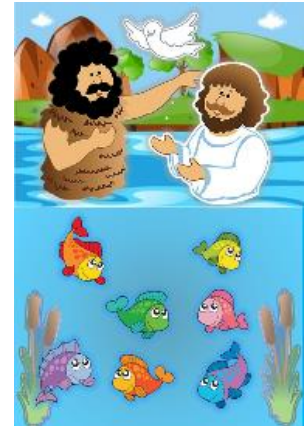
### **Craft: Undersea Baptism (Preschool)**

Supplies: scissors, glue, parchment paper, tape, fish stickers (optional)

Directions:

Cut out the pieces, glue the reeds to the bottom, the dove in the sky, Jesus and John on the surface of the water. Lay the parchment paper over the bottom and fold the ends around the back and tape in place. For the fish, you can either cut out from the page and glue, or give the children fish stickers.

Optional: Instead of gluing Jesus to the surface, glue a craft stick to the back so children can "dunk" Jesus under the water.



### **Craft: Dunking Jesus**

Supplies: Crayons/markers, scissors, glue, brass paper holder

Directions:

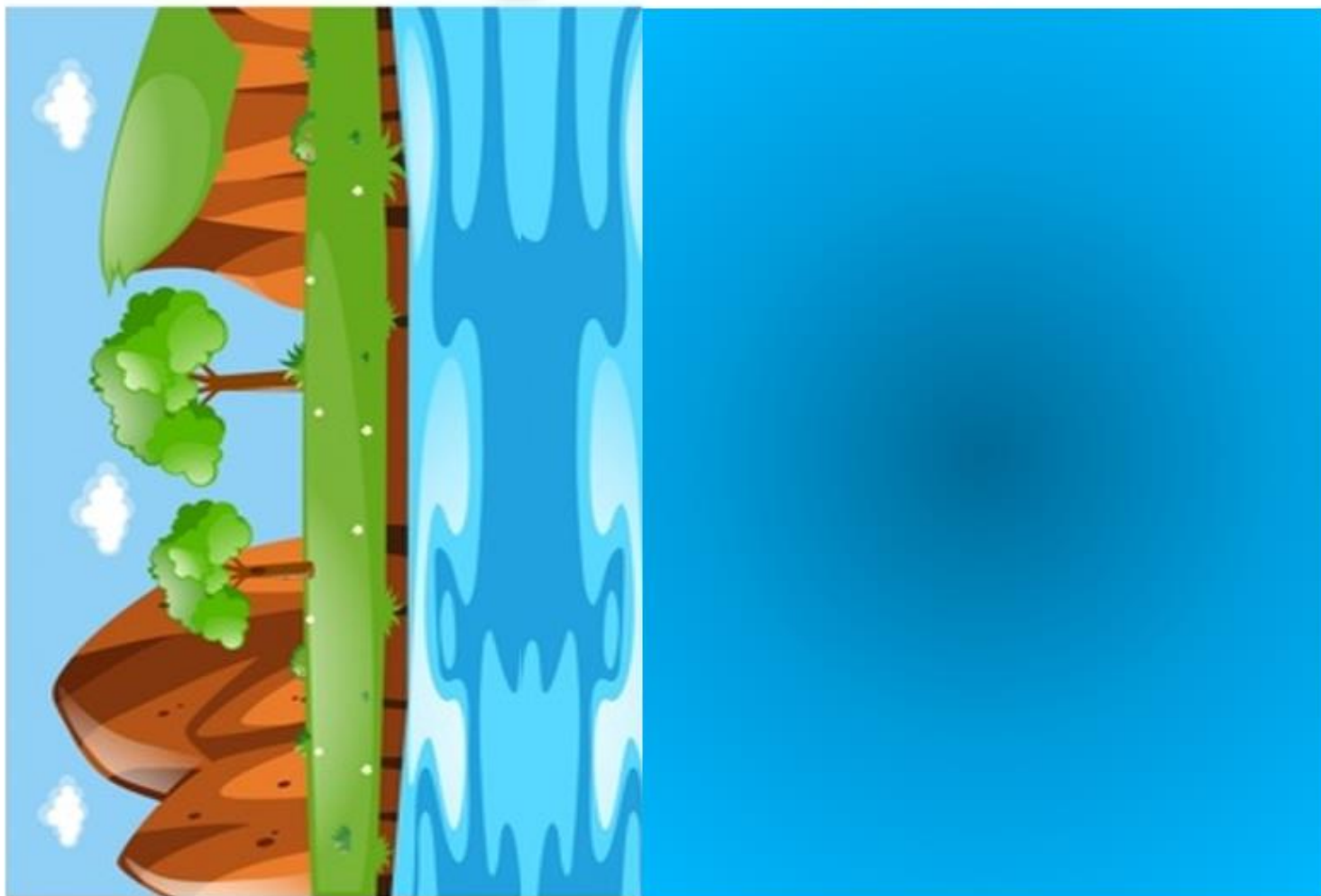
Print off a "Dunking Jesus" page on cardstock for each child to color and cut out.

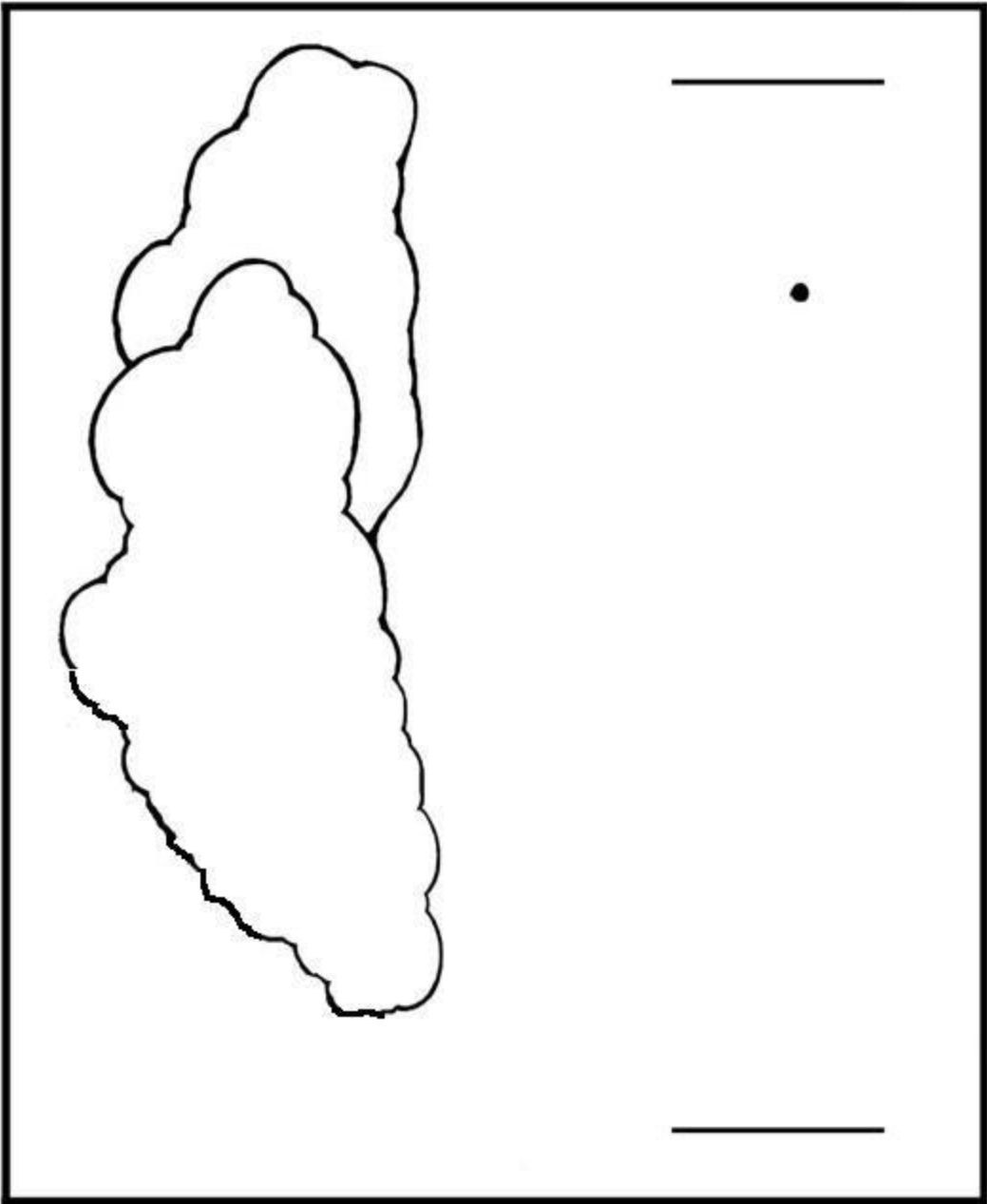
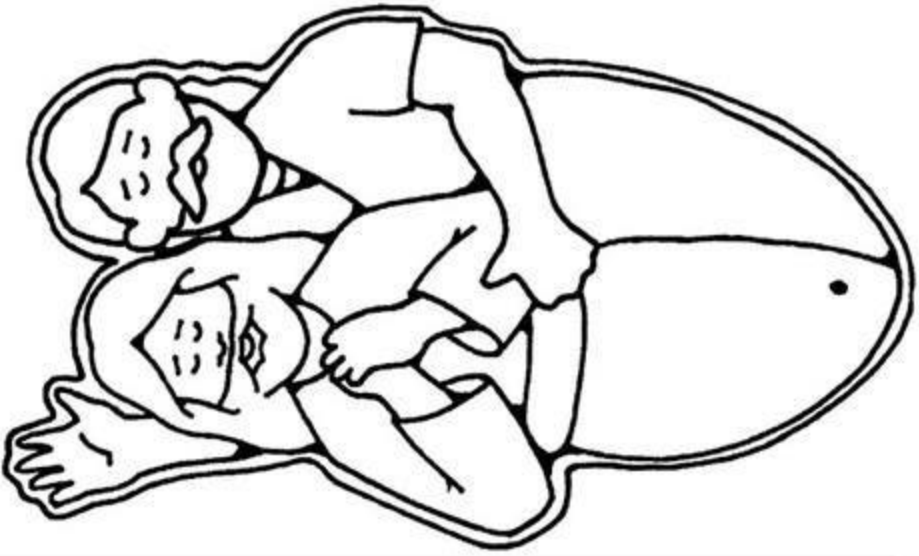
Carefully use the tip of a scissor to punch a hole in the bottom of Jesus/John and the background, as marked. Use a brass paper holder to attached the two, so Jesus/John can turn up and down. Fold and glue the waves in front.



*Baptism of Our Lord*

Undersea Baptism







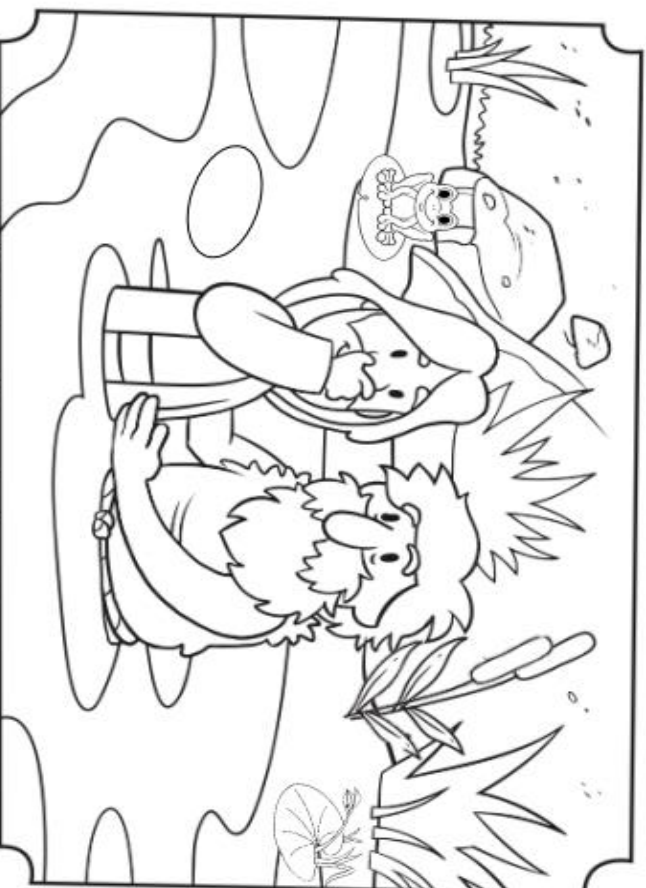
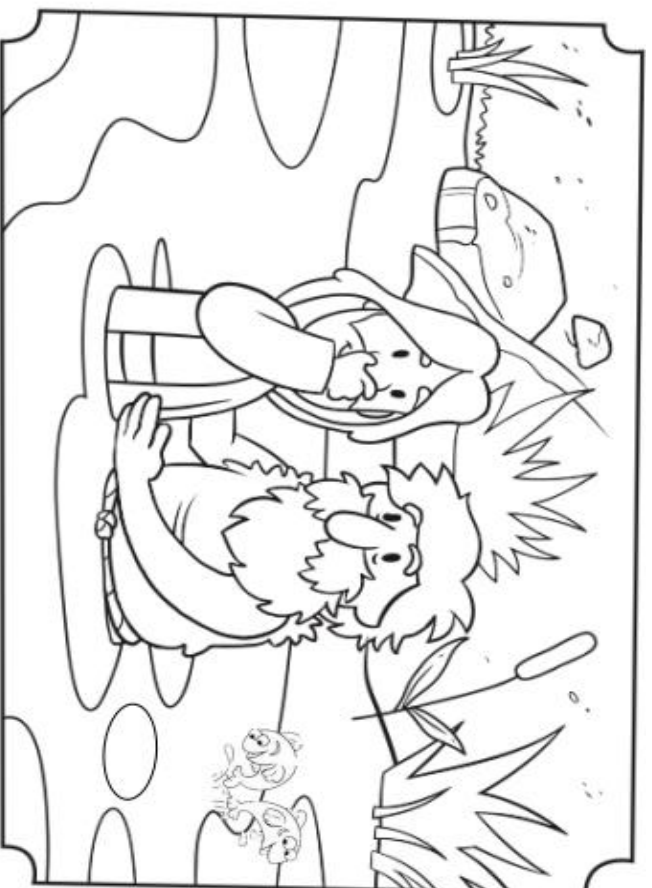
# The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
Answers can be found in Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



1. The liquid used to baptize someone.  
A. wine B. vinegar C. honey D. water
2. The river where Jesus was baptized.  
A. Nile B. Amazon C. Jordan D. Danube
3. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.  
A. John B. Peter C. Matthew D. Paul
4. To pardon for sins.  
A. forgive B. sin C. repent D. dove
5. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.  
A. water B. wine C. honey D. milk
6. To break one of God's commandments.  
A. sin B. baptize C. repent D. forgive
7. To turn away from sin.  
A. repent B. forgive C. baptize D. preach
8. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.  
A. voice B. wind C. dove D. locusts
9. The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. river B. voice C. repent D. dove
10. To admit that you have done wrong.  
A. baptize B. confess C. dove D. voice



Find 6 things different in these pictures.