



For Toddlers

Summer Theme: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

ECE: I am a sinner who needs Jesus.

Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: John Baptizes Jesus (**Matthew 3:13-17**)

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, kids will learn about Jesus’s baptism by John the Baptist. Children will hear that Jesus is the Son of God, and one way God showed love and care for his people is by sending his Son, Jesus, to rescue them from their sin. Children will continue to learn that Jesus is the only one that can quench our thirsty hearts.

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For Preschoolers-First Grade

Big Idea: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: John Baptizes Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17).

Early Childhood Essential: I am a sinner who needs Jesus.

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, kids will learn about Jesus’s baptism by John the Baptist. In the midst of celebrating Dad’s Day, children will hear that Jesus is the Son of God. Kids will learn that fathers love their sons, and one way that God showed love and care for his people is by sending his Son, Jesus, to rescue them from their sin. Children will continue to learn that Jesus is the only one that can quench our thirsty hearts.

Pre-Video Discussion:

Is there someone in your life that you love very much? Who?

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I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

What did Jesus want John the Baptist to do?

*Jesus wanted John to baptize him.

What flew out of the sky when Jesus was baptized?

*A dove flew out of the sky.

What did God say when Jesus was baptized?

*This is my son, whom I love.

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea:

Take some time to look at photos of baptism at the Crossing on our [flickr page](#).

Talk about if there's anyone you know who you have seen baptized. Tell children this is what John did to Jesus and God gave a dove at this time to show Jesus was his son, whom he loved.

For Second-Fifth Grade

Topic:

John Baptizes Jesus

Lesson Overview:

In today's story, we are going to learn about the love God the Father has for his son, Jesus. It'll start with John baptizing Jesus, and end with God telling us some important things about him. Kids will learn that God not only cares for his son, Jesus, but he also shows his goodness in that he cared for us so much he sent his son to rescue us. He sent him to be the one to quench our thirsty hearts forever.

Key Scripture:

Matthew 3:13-17

Elementary Essential:

God is good: He cares for his people

Memory Verse:

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." – John 7:37.

- **Intro Video Link:** <https://vimeo.com/429380020>
- **Bible Story Video Link:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VMNO2MAMwA

Follow-Up Activity: Hidden Phrase Art Project

1. On a piece of white paper and with a white crayon, have parents write, "God is good: He cares for his people."
2. Children take a marker and color over each word to create a piece of artwork.
3. Hang the artwork someplace in your house as a reminder of who we learn God is in his word, the Bible.

Post-Video Discussion Questions: First, read Matthew 3:13-17

- **What did God send John the Baptist to do?** (*Prepare the way for Jesus.*)
- **Read v.13 and ask: Why did Jesus have John baptize him?** (*It carried out God's plan.*)
- **What do we learn about Jesus in verse 17?** (*He is God's own son; God loves him and is pleased with him.*)
- **Read John 3:16-17 and ask: How does God show us he is good and cares for us in this passage?** (*He gave us his son so we can have eternal life. He sent his son to save the world!*)
- **How does Jesus quench our thirsty hearts?** (*He allows those who trust in him to be with the Father forever.*)

Extended Study for 4th and 5th graders:

Answer the questions found in the post-video discussion guide. Afterward, journal in response to this question: Try to think back to a time in your life that someone in your life showed you great love. How does this act of love compare to the way God showed love to His people by sending his one and only Son? How does God show you his great love?