

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#07 - John the Baptist and Jesus Luke 3:1-23

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.)

- 7-1 John the Baptist speaking to the people
- 7-3 Jesus' baptism

REVIEW (Before teaching lesson)

- **The Big Question Review:** How do we grow to be like Jesus?

We fix our eyes on Jesus.

- **Lesson Rhyme Review:** What should we celebrate?

G—G
Grow
With your mind
you learn
G—G—Grow
Away from evil
Turn

Make sign of "G"
Wiggle hands and move upward
Point to temples with 2 fingers
Move fingers up in spiral
Same as above
Thumbs down sign
Turn up into thumbs up sign



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- **Introduction:** (picture 7-1) What is this a picture of?

John the Baptist was teaching and baptizing people. (7-1) Baptism is when a person is submersed down into water and then raised up again. Going down into the water represents dying to the old self through the death of Christ and coming up out of the water represents coming alive to a new self through the resurrection of Christ. The old self wants what is wrong; the new self wants what is right.

John called the people names like “poisonous snakes” and told them to change their behavior to show that they wanted to please God and do what was right.

Jesus came to John to be baptized. (7-3) When John baptized Jesus heaven opened up, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and God’s voice from heaven spoke and said, “This is my Son whom I love and with whom I am well pleased.”

The big question for this week is: What happened when Jesus was baptized?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached discussion questions.

Title: Who did John the Baptist baptize?

Page 1—Luke 3:2b-4

(picture of John the Baptist)

John the Baptist God had chosen
to prepare the hearts of men.
He came to warn the people
of God’s judgment of their sin.
Before God sent the Savior,
a prophet would prepare the way.
To turn hearts back to God
so his will men would obey.

Page 2—Luke 3:7-8a

(picture of People listening
to John the Baptist)

John, he spoke quite harshly;
he called the people snakes.
He said their hearts were evil,
that’s why they made mistakes.
There were those who heard him
preach and asked,
“What should we do?”
He said, “Turn away from sin
and do what’s right and true.”

Page 3—Luke 3:11,13,14b

(picture of Roman soldiers)

Those who collected taxes
were not to take too much,
And soldiers with great power,
the things of others should not touch.
To the poor each person
should be generous and kind.
As they’d share with others,
contentment they would find.

Page 4—Luke 3:15-16

(picture of John baptizing in the river)

John would baptize in the river
those who came to him.
Telling them to do what’s good
and turn away from sin.
He said that God would send the one,
more powerful than he.
The presence of God’s Spirit,
in him the people’d see.

Page 5—Luke 3:21-22

(picture of Jesus being baptized)
Jesus came to John one day
to be baptized in the river.
It was an amazing moment,
setting people's hearts a quiver.
In the form of a dove,
the Holy Spirit came.
Upon his one and only Son,
God's Spirit did remain.
With power God spoke down
to the people from above.
Saying, "This is my beloved Son,
whom I do truly love."

Page 6—John 1:32-34

(picture of Illustration of Trinity)
Our God he is eternal:
Father, Spirit, Son
Although he is three persons,
he is really only one.
To the Father we should give
our heart and mind and soul.
Filled with his Spirit, love his Son,
should be our lifelong goal.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What did God send John the Baptist to do?

Page 2: What did John call the people? Why do you think he called them that? What did John tell the people to do?

Page 3: What things did John tell different people to do? What would doing those things show about the people?

Page 4: Who did John baptize? What did he tell the people he baptized to do? Who did John say God would send?

Page 5: What does it mean to set people's hearts a quiver? What happened when Jesus was baptized that set people's hearts a quiver?

Page 6: How many Gods are there? Who are the three persons of God? What is the role of each person of God? (To help the children understand how there can be three persons of God but just one God talk to them about the different roles you have as a father or mother (son/daughter, husband/wife, father/mother) while being just one person. Also, the different dimensions of a book make up one book. Take away one of the dimensions and there is no more book.)

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God for the great love he has for all men that he would send his Son to earth to make a way back to him and die for our sins. Thank God that he has sent his Holy Spirit to lead us in his way.
- The Big Question: What happened when Jesus was baptized?

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down and the Father said he was well pleased with his Son.

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the weekly sheet.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the lesson picture.

• **Activity:** Tracing

Instruction: Trace over the water droplets and count how many there are. In baptism going into the water, shows how Jesus cleanses us from our sin like water cleans dirt off of us.

• **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

B—B	Make sign of "B"
Baptize	Lower hand palm up, raise back up
Those who came to him	Make sweeping circle with R hand Put R palm over heart
B—B—Baptize	Same as above
To turn away from sin	Rotate hand in twisting motion Thumb down sign



• **Craft:** Dove

As a reminder that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he ministered on earth, make a dove.

Materials: cover stock paper, scissors, glue sticks, white feathers, string, paper hold punch
Preparation: Run off the craft on cover stock paper. Cut apart. Cut string into desired lengths.

Instructions: Cut out the dove and glue white feathers to it. Punch a hole in it and hang it from a string.

• **Discovery Activity:** Act out John preaching to the people and Jesus' baptism.

• **Song:** Father, I adore you

Father, I adore you.
Lay my life before you.
How I love you.

Additional Verses

Substitute Jesus, then Spirit, for Father

JOURNAL

The journal is included in the class booklet for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.