

The Ministry of John and the Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-34

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,
IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED."



The Story

Do you know when you were baptized? Why are we baptized? Today we will see that Jesus is baptized, not to wash away His sins, but to keep the commands of God perfectly for us.

Jesus had a relative named John. When John grew up he lived in the wilderness. He wore a belt and a camel hair coat. He ate wild honey and grasshoppers.

John preached God's Word. He told people to admit their sins. He wanted people to be sorry when they did something

wrong. He told people Jesus was coming to save them. John baptized people in the Jordan River.

One day Jesus came to see John. John called Jesus the Lamb of God. Jesus wanted to be baptized. John did not feel worthy to baptize Jesus, but John did baptize Jesus in the Jordan River. A miracle happened after Jesus was baptized. The Holy Ghost came down to Jesus. The Spirit was in the shape of a dove. He landed on Jesus' shoulder. God the Father said, "You are My Son; in You I am well pleased."

Activity One - Use the words in the box to answer the questions. Write the letter of each answer on the line.

1. ____ What did John eat?
2. ____ What did John wear?
3. ____ Where did John live?
4. ____ Where did John baptize people?
5. ____ What did John speak?
6. ____ Who came to John to be baptized one day?
7. ____ Who said, "This is my son"?
8. ____ Who came in the form of a dove?

A. A camel hair coat
B. grasshoppers
C. God's Word
D. God the Father
E. God the Holy Spirit
F. in the wilderness
G. in the Jordan River
H. Jesus

Jesus was baptized to publicly begin His ministry as our Savior.

Activity Two - Use the words to complete the sentences.

1. God's _____ was spoken at my baptism. **child**
2. Some _____ was put on my head. **life**
3. I became a _____ of God. **sins**
4. God's Son gave His _____ for me. **water**
5. God took away all my _____ . **Word**

Passages

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7b

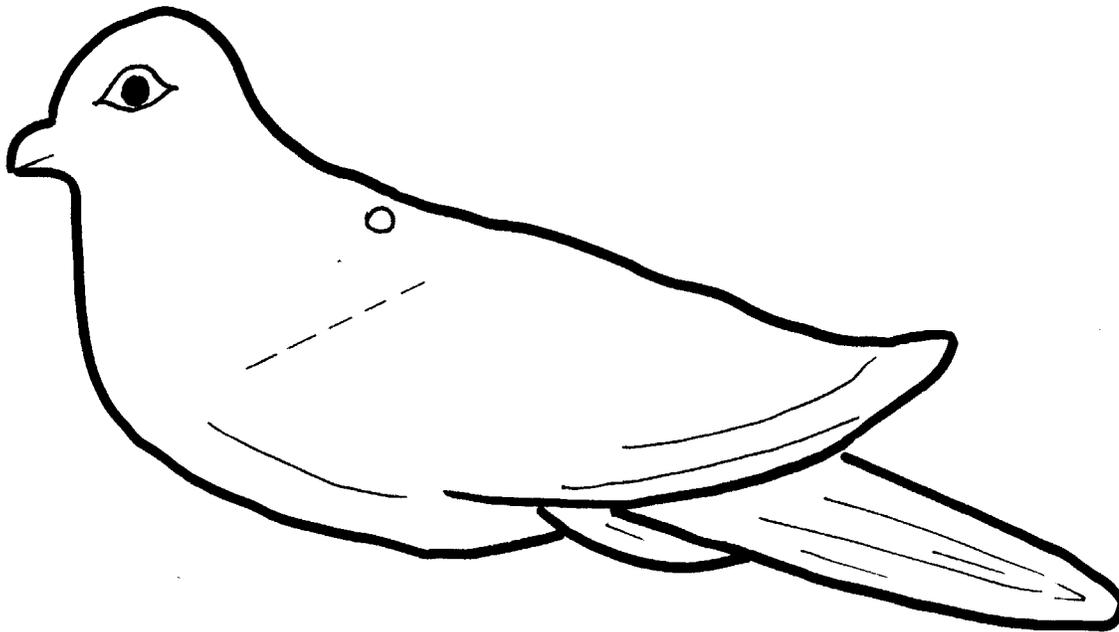
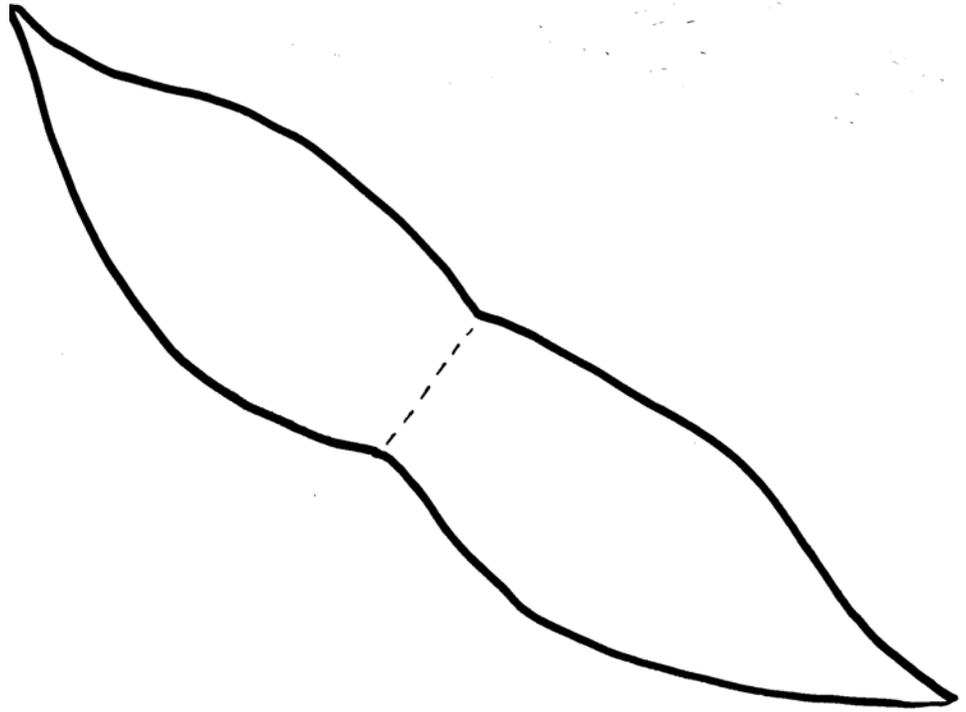
Hymn

 - TLH 63 v. 1, 5

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come, then, and hearken,
For He brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore
And Holy Ghost
Forevermore.

Activity Three - Cut out the dove and wings along the outer lines. Slit dotted line in the dove and insert wings. Hole punch the small circle and draw a piece of yarn through. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven as a dove and landed on Jesus.



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for showing us that, through His baptism, Jesus is Your Son sent to be our Savior. Help us to picture in our hearts Jesus' baptism and how He kept the law for us to be our perfect Savior. When we sin, call us to repentance and faith that Jesus Christ, Your Son, washes us clean from all our sin, just as our baptism reminds us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.