
Lesson 3: The Baptism of Jesus

BIG IDEA

John baptised people with water to prepare them for the coming of God's king. Jesus baptised with the Holy Spirit to make people clean on the inside.

 **Luke 3:16, 21-22 (paraphrase)**

A prophet called John was preparing people to hear Jesus' message. People were thinking, 'Is John the Messiah that God promised?' John said to them, 'I baptize you with water but someone else is coming soon. He is much greater than I am. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.'

While John was baptizing the people, Jesus came to be baptized too. Jesus was praying and the sky opened. The Holy Spirit came onto Jesus in the form of a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son and I love you. I am pleased with you.'

 **Teacher Preparation****Read Scripture**

- Luke 3:16, 21-22 in your Bible
- Luke 3:16, 21-22 paraphrase (on page 2)

Read *Meet Jesus Book*

- Chapter 3 – The Baptism of Jesus

Print Resources

- APPENDIX 3.1 - Print 1 for each student.
- APPENDIX 3.2 - Print 1 for each student.
- APPENDIX 3.3 - Print 1 strip for each pair of students.
- APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Other Equipment

- Whiteboard / table
- Whiteboard markers

Activate Prior Knowledge

APPENDIX 3.1 - Print 1 for each student.

Hand out sheets and collaboratively build vocabulary using the pictures.

Prompt by pointing at specific things in the pictures.

Clarify/practise new vocabulary. Students can write new words in the boxes below the pictures.

Predict the Content

Write, 'Jesus is Baptised' on the board.

Ask, 'What do you know about this story?'

Read and Comprehend

Depending on the level of your students you might:

- Read the passage of scripture to them;
- Direct them to read the passage of scripture in English;
- Direct them to read the passage of scripture in their heart language; or
- Read the passage of scripture later in the lesson.

Activities

Activity 1: Hearing and telling the story

APPENDIX 3.2 - Print 1 for each student.

Give out story/picture sheet and read through the story as students follow silently.

Invite students to read it quietly in pairs.

Invite one or more students to read the story or retell it prompted by the picture sheet.

OWN HEART LANGUAGE

Depending on the level of your students, you might like to invite them to read the passage in their heart language.

Visit bible.com or biblegateway.com to find a number of international translations.

Activity 2: Telling the story to a partner

APPENDIX 3.3 - Print 1 strip for each pair of students.

Have students work in pairs to do the vocabulary matching exercise. Alternatively, do it collaboratively as a class.

Invite Curiosity

APPENDIX 1.5 - Reuse print from lesson one.

Place the ? on the table and ask:

- Are there any new words?'
- What questions might someone have about this text?
- What comments might someone have about the text?

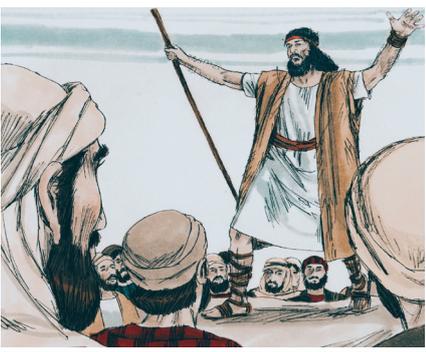
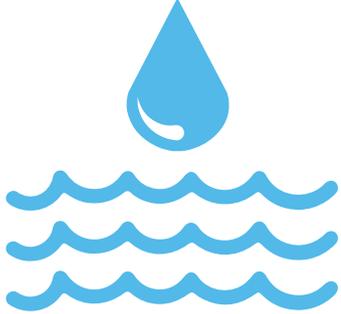
An Important Question

Ask, 'What does God say about Jesus?'

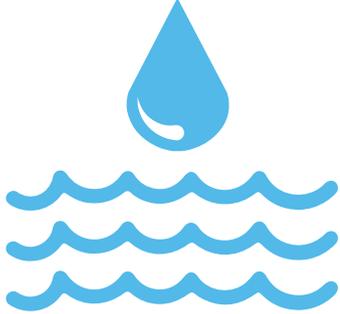
Concluding Statement

John baptised people with water on the outside.
Jesus baptised with God's spirit to make people clean on the inside.

Matthew 2:1-12 with instruction for visual cues

Jesus is baptised illustrated story

		
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<p>Then a voice came from heaven, 'You are my son and I love you.'</p>	<p>'I am pleased with you.'</p>	

3.3 Appendix

ACTIVITY 2: Print 1 strip for each pair of students.

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Baptise	God living in his people
Heaven	To wash a person with water as a sign of new life in Christ
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