

Lesson No. ( 20 )

## Jesus Is Baptized

### References

Matthew 3:13-17, The Jesus Story by Mary and Herb Montgomery.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ Through baptism, we obtain salvation, purification, justification, a new birth and membership in the Body of Christ.
- ★ You were buried with Christ in baptism, that means you took off your old sinful body and put on a new spiritual body.
- ★ Think how Jesus was meek and let John baptize Him. Do you humble yourself before God, who taught us meekness and humility?

### Objectives

**General:** Teach the children that the baptism is becoming members of the body of Christ.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand that by baptism we became Christians.
- B. Learn that Abouna baptized them when they were young.
- C. Know that Abouna put them inside the baptistery.

### Bible Verse

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"

Matthew 3:17

### Teaching Aids

1. Felt figures and flannel board.
  2. The picture of John baptizing Jesus.
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### Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

## Story Time

Jesus had a cousin whose name was John. John lived in a dry desert land. He wore clothes made out of camel's hair cloth and he had a leather belt around his waist. While John was in the desert, he ate wild honey and other food that he could find.

John had some special work to do. When he was thirty years old, he went away from the desert. He began to teach and he also baptized people.

A lot of men and women followed John. They listened carefully to what he had to say about God. John baptized people by dipping them in the water of the Jordan River. This was a sign of cleansing. Some of the men and women who met John thought that he was the holy person God had promised to send. John told everyone, "No, I am not the Holy One. I am only preparing the way for Him."

One day, Jesus came to John. He wanted to be baptized. John was very surprised. He knew that Jesus was the Holy One. "But you should baptize me," John said. Again, Jesus said He wanted to be baptized. John did as Jesus asked.

When Jesus came up from the water, a very unusual thing happened. A voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

When Jesus heard himself called God's Son, He wanted to go off by Himself. He went out into the desert where He could be alone and pray to God. It was now time for Jesus to get ready for His special work.

### Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### Learning Activities

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