



JESUS IS BAPTIZED

Lesson 7

BIG IDEA

Zechariah’s son John is telling people to repent of their sins because the Messiah is coming. John baptizes many people including Jesus the Messiah himself.

KEY VERSES

Mark 1:4-11

MEMORY VERSE

Mark 1:11

“And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON: INTERACTIVE

- Bible
- Lesson Script
- Small photo album with pictures of children

GAME

- No materials needed for game

CRAFT

- White Styrofoam balls or ping pong balls, one per child
- Small craft feathers (white would be best), three per child
- Orange construction paper, one small piece per child
- Black marker
- Glue
- String, about 20 inches per child

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Crossword Puzzle (domestic communities only)





JESUS IS BAPTIZED

BIBLE LESSON

Lesson 7

I am sure that you will recognize what I have in my hand. It is a photo album. Most parents have several photo albums which are full of pictures taken of their children as they were growing up. We have always been very proud of our children and everything they did. We took pictures of them in school, at church, pictures of them playing, at Christmas time, on their birthdays, and many other occasions. We were proud of them as they grew up and we are proud of them today.

Do you think God was proud of His son, Jesus?

I know he was, because the Bible tells us that he was. When Jesus was baptized, the Bible tells us that there was a voice from heaven that said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Why do you think God was pleased with His son?

The Bible tells us that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." It makes a father proud to watch his children grow in maturity and become wiser. And, of course, a father wants his child to be well-liked and respected by other people. I think the main reason that God was proud of Jesus is that Jesus always did what his Father sent him to do. Do you always do what your father or mother tells you to do? I doubt if any of us could answer "yes" to that question -- but Jesus could. Jesus said "I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." (John 6:38) That would make a Father proud, wouldn't it?

When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we become the children of God. Our baptism is like an official adoption ceremony. God is proud of us from the very beginning when we become his children because that is what he wants us to be. And like a good Father - or a good Mother - God is there to help us do all the other things he asks us to do - things like loving our brothers and sisters - and forgiving and helping one another - and sharing the good things that he gives us with those who are in need.

Wouldn't you like to be the kind of child that would cause God to look down from heaven, as he did with Jesus, and say, "My child, I am proud of you?" I would like to be like that - and every day I try to be, knowing that God loves me and is there to help me be the kind of child he wants me to be.

Father, we want to be the kind of children you want us to be. Help us each day to do the things that are pleasing to you. Amen.

(At this point consider having a team member give a personal testimony of his/her salvation journey and baptism.)

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- *Tell the account of Jesus' Baptism in simple story form or read it from a children's bible.*
- *Ask 3-4 of the simpler discussion questions.*



JESUS IS BAPTIZED

CRAFT & GAME

Lesson 7

• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: A LITTLE DOVE

Make a small hanging dove ornament.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Glue two feathers to the bottom of the ball for wings
- Glue one end of the string and a feather to back of ball
- Cut a small diamond shape out of orange construction paper, fold in half, glue to front of ball with the other end of the string under the beak
- Draw two small dots for eyes

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- White Styrofoam balls or ping pong balls, 1 per child
- Small craft feathers (white would be best), 3 per child
- Orange construction paper, 1 small piece per child
- Black marker
- Glue
- String, about 20 inches per child

EXAMPLE



SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- *Cut simple feather shapes out of paper*
- *Use glue dots or double stick tape*
- *Instead of hanging with string stick a tooth pick in the bottom of the styrofoam ball to use as a handle*

• GAME •

OBJECTIVE: JOHN SAYS

Listen carefully to what John says so you know what to do...or what not to do!

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- None for this game

INSTRUCTIONS

This game is played similar to “Simon Says” only using the name John in place of Simon. Kids do whatever command starts with “John Says”. However, kids should not do any command that does not start with “John Says.”

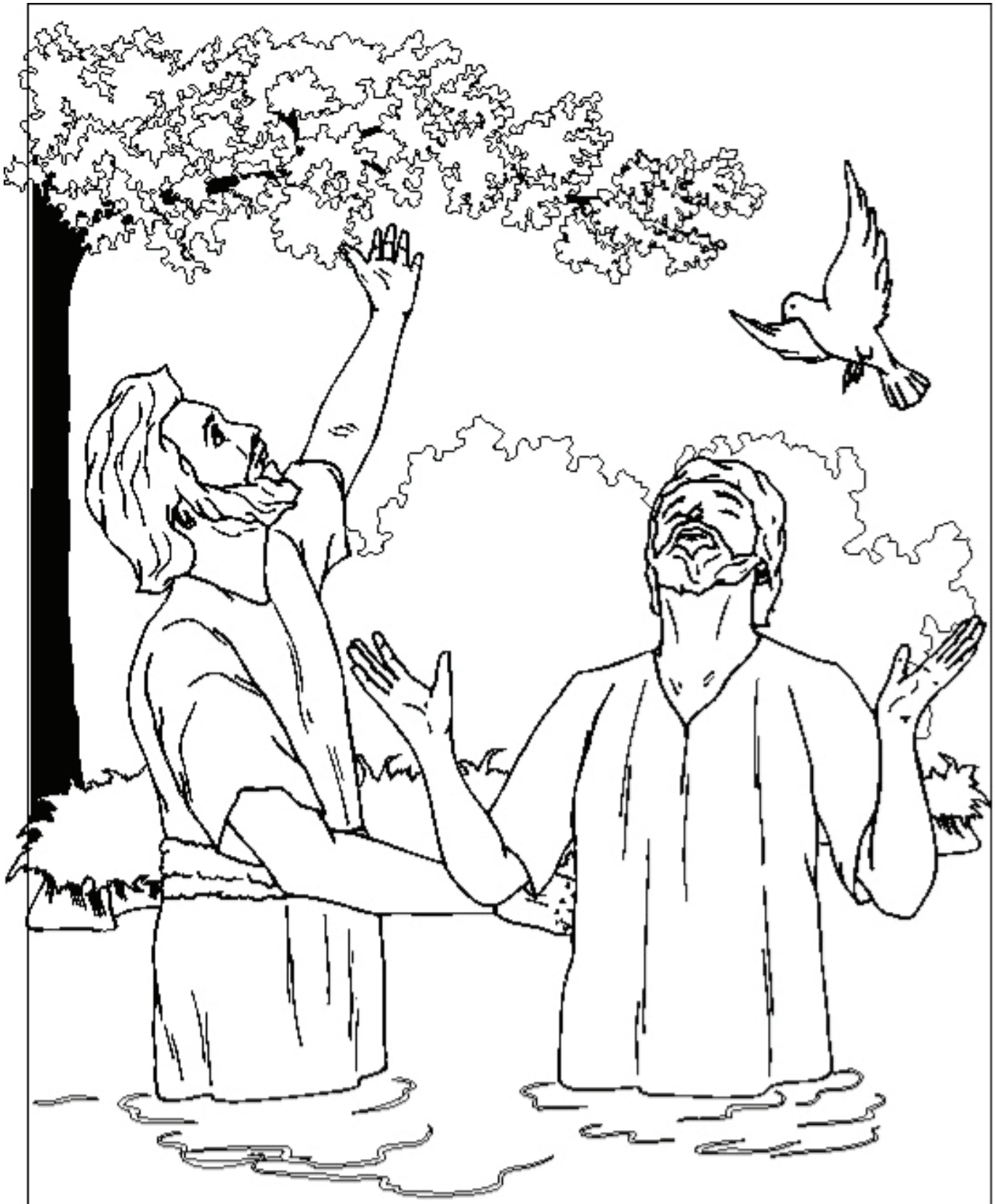
An addition to this game is the line, “John says repent!” Whenever the kids hear this phrase they must turn 180 degrees. The game continues with the kids facing the opposite direction. This makes it more silly at tricky since they cannot see the leader who is calling out the commands.

Generally kids are out of the game if they perform the command incorrectly and the last one standing is the winner.

Ideas for commands: “John says take one step back, John says hop once on your right foot, John says raise your hands, Sit down, John says shake your head, John says stand up, John says yawn, Sneeze, John says pat your head,” Etc.

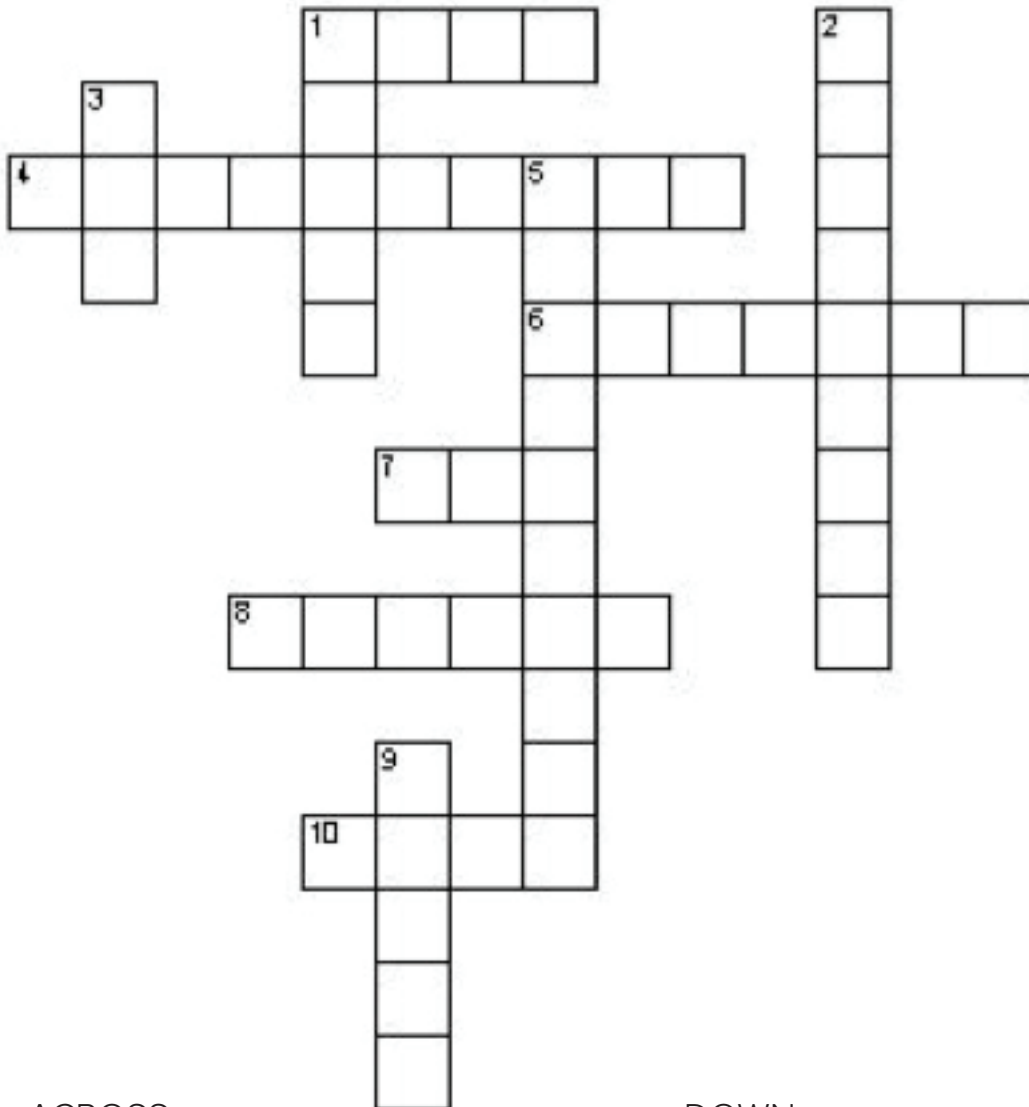
SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- *Play standard Simon Says game*
- *Play Follow the Leader with kids following in a line and copying everything the leader does.*





CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. He Baptized Jesus.
4. Counselor, comforter.
6. Received happiness or pleasure.
7. What God says is wrong.
8. Largest river in Holy Land.
10. Symbol of the Holy Spirit.

DOWN

1. Son of God.
2. City of God.
3. Jesus is God's _____.
5. Turn around.
9. In a loud _____.