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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 19 • Session 3

## JESUS WAS BAPTIZED

Matthew 3; Mark 1

### WHAT DID JESUS DO TO SAVE US?

**JESUS LIVED A SINLESS LIFE, DIED ON THE CROSS, AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD.**

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. John began telling people, “Repent and be baptized because God’s kingdom is almost here.”

Long before John was born, the prophet Isaiah said, “Prepare the way for the Lord; make His paths straight!” Isaiah was talking about John. John had a very important job. He was supposed to get people ready for Jesus—God’s promised Messiah.

People started to repent; they turned away from their sins and turned to God for forgiveness. Then John baptized them in the Jordan River.

John preached, “Someone greater than me is coming. I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” John was talking about Jesus.

When John saw Jesus, he said, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

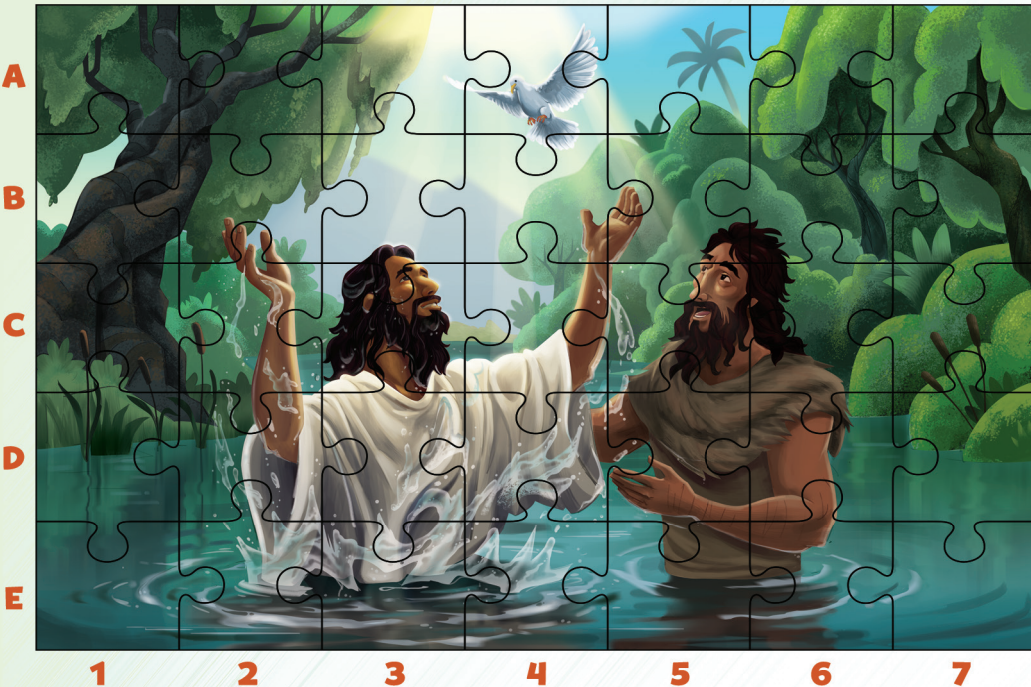
Jesus told John that He wanted to be baptized. But John didn’t think he should baptize Jesus. John was confused. He baptized people who confessed their sins; Jesus never sinned!

Jesus said, “Allow Me to be baptized. God says this is right.” So John agreed, and he baptized Jesus.

God’s voice came from heaven. “This is My Son,” the voice said. “I love Him, and I am very pleased with Him!”

**Christ Connection:** Jesus never sinned, but He obeyed God and was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us of Jesus’ death and resurrection. It reminds us that when we trust in Jesus, we turn from sin and start a new life—a life lived for Jesus.

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**Puzzle Grid** | Use the letters and numbers on the puzzle grid to write the coordinates for each puzzle piece.



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## Bible Story Review | Fill in the missing words to complete the Bible story review.

The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ foretold about John the Baptist before he was born. John wore clothes made of \_\_\_\_\_ hair. John told the people to \_\_\_\_\_ and be baptized. John's baptism symbolized \_\_\_\_\_ being washed away. John said that someone \_\_\_\_\_ than him was coming. John called Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Jesus came to see John at the \_\_\_\_\_ River. Jesus wanted John to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. The Holy Spirit came on Jesus like a \_\_\_\_\_. God said He was very \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

### WORD BANK

baptize, dove, sin, greater, Jordan, Isaiah, repent, camel, Lamb, pleased