

“Make Room for Jesus”

Mark 1: 4 – 15

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Just for Parents

I was baptized when I was 15 and there were about 6 of us in our group and it was very meaningful time for us. My wife to be was also part of the group. All of us decided that we wanted to follow Jesus for the rest of our lives, and we wanted everyone to know about it. It wasn't complicated and we didn't have to go through a testing process to determine whether we were “good enough”. We knew that the grace of God covered everything in our past and we wanted to follow Him not because of who we were but because of who He was. We recognized that baptism was not an option for us, as it was something that God commanded us to do. If you believe in Jesus and have experienced His saving grace in your life but have not been baptized, we as pastors would love to discuss this further with you sometime. If you have been baptized and want to discuss that with your kids, I would love to give you some information that you can use to do so.

Explore

Pretend that you are going on a bare bones camping trip with your family and collect the things you will need to be gone for a weekend. You will be tenting and will need to bring your food, water and a tent. Get creative on what else you think you would need. If you have time build a tent using blankets, couches, pillows and whatever else you have available. This could be a good place to talk about this lesson.

Lesson

During this part of the lesson feel free to print the activity sheets below and have the kids do them while you discuss.

After Jesus was baptized by John, the Holy Spirit led Him to the wilderness for 40 days of fasting and preparation for His 3 years of ministry. While Jesus was there, He went through an intense time of temptation by the devil. But Jesus never gave in.

Jesus went on a trip. The difference between our trip is that we took a bunch of stuff with us. Jesus took nothing with Him except the clothes on His back.

- Read **Mark 1: 4 – 15** with your kids and ask them the following questions:
 - Where did John the Baptist live and what did he eat?
 - In the wilderness eating Locusts and honey
 - What happened just after Jesus was baptized?
 - The Holy Spirit came to be with Jesus
 - Why was God pleased with Jesus?
 - Because Jesus obeyed Him
 - Who took care of Jesus while He was in the wilderness?

- Angels
- Why did the Holy Spirit send Jesus into the wilderness?
 - So that Jesus could spend time with Him and so that He could be tempted just like we are. The difference is that Jesus never gave in

Jesus did this all for us. Before this He lived in heaven with God His Father and all of the angels. The most beautiful place ever. He left heaven to live here on earth because God told Him to and because He loves us so much.

Our Response

God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to come and live on this earth for 33 years to show us how to live. He died on the cross paying the penalty for our sins and then rose again so that He could help us to live the kind of life He wants us to live. Have each of your children say a prayer to God thanking Him for what He did for us and asking Him to help them with one thing this week. By asking God to help them with one thing in their lives the kids will be showing God how much they love Him.

Blessing

Pray the following blessing over you children. This is to be done one child at a time, with your hand on child's shoulders say the blessing over them. This is something we would encourage you to do on a daily basis. This can be done in the morning before they go to school, before they go to sleep or any other time that works for you.

(Child's name) May you always know how much God loves you. May you always allow Him to write your story and may you always talk about the amazing things He has done for you.



The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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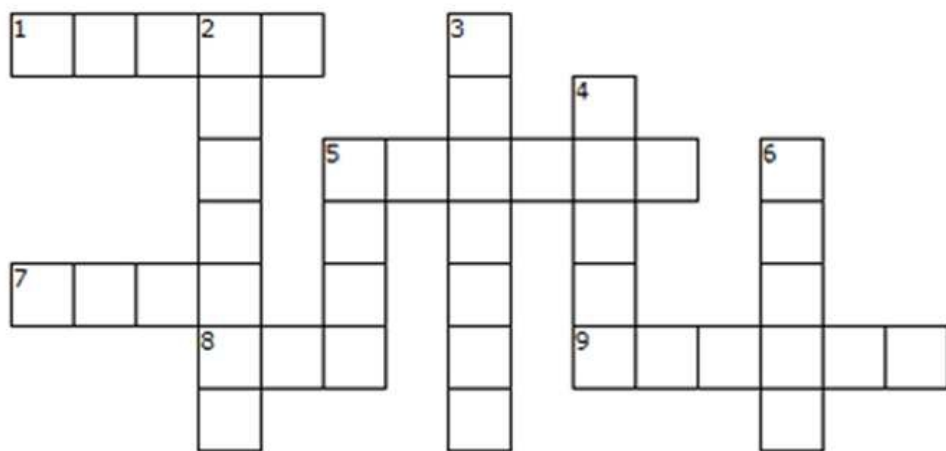
LOVE
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JESUS
SON
SPIRIT

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
5. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

FORGIVE
CONFESS

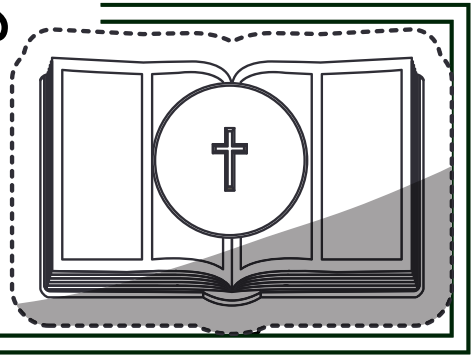
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REPENT
HONEY

SERMON NOTES FOR KIDS



Today is _____

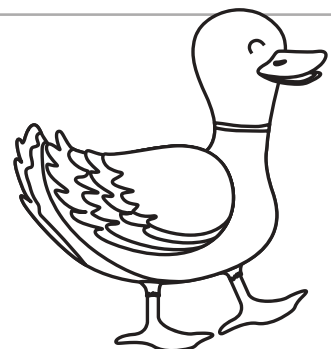
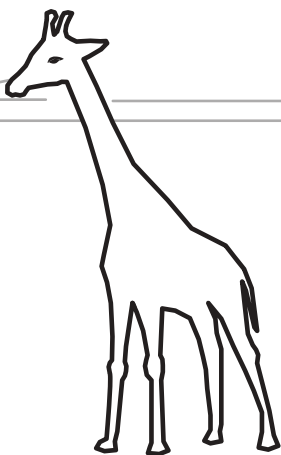
The speaker is _____

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thing you learnt today?

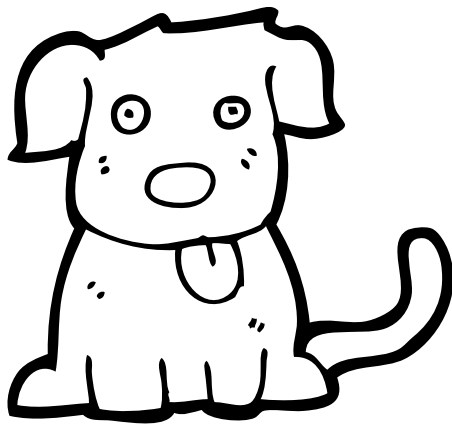
What passage are
we
reading today?

What are you
confused about?

What are some questions you
have about what was said?



Draw a picture about today's sermon



How can I show what I learned to others this week