



# John Baptizes Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11;  
Luke 3:21-22; John 1:19-34

John was telling people about God. John said that God would soon send His Son. "Get ready for the One God promised to send," John said.

Many, many people came to hear John. John told the people they needed to tell God they were sorry for doing wrong. John baptized many people with water to show that they were sorry for doing wrong.

Some leaders heard about John. They sent messengers to talk to John. They asked, "Are you the One God promised to send?"

John said, "No. I am not the One God promised to send. I was sent to get the people ready for Him. God is about to send Him. The One God will send is much more important than I am!"

One day, Jesus came to John. He asked John to baptize Him. John said, "I need You to baptize me! You don't need to be baptized."

Jesus said, "This is what God wants us to do. I want to obey God."

So John baptized Jesus. Then something surprising happened! From heaven, God's Spirit, looking like a dove, came down to Jesus.

God spoke from heaven. "This is My Son, whom I love. I am pleased with Him!" This had never happened before. Everyone was amazed.

The next day, John saw Jesus. John pointed to Jesus. "There He is," John said. "Look. Jesus will forgive people for the wrong things they have done!" Jesus was the One God had promised to send. Jesus is God's Son.

# River Pictures

## Collect

Bible, white construction paper, markers, blue cellophane, tape.

## Do

Children draw river items on papers (stones, fish, small plants, etc.). Give each child a sheet of blue cellophane a little smaller than paper. Help children tape cellophane over papers to make river pictures.

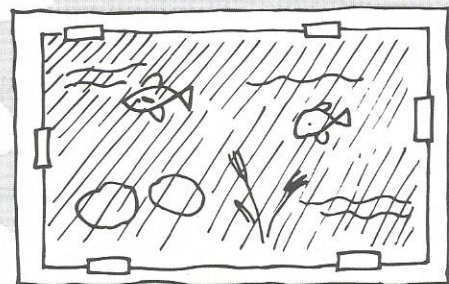


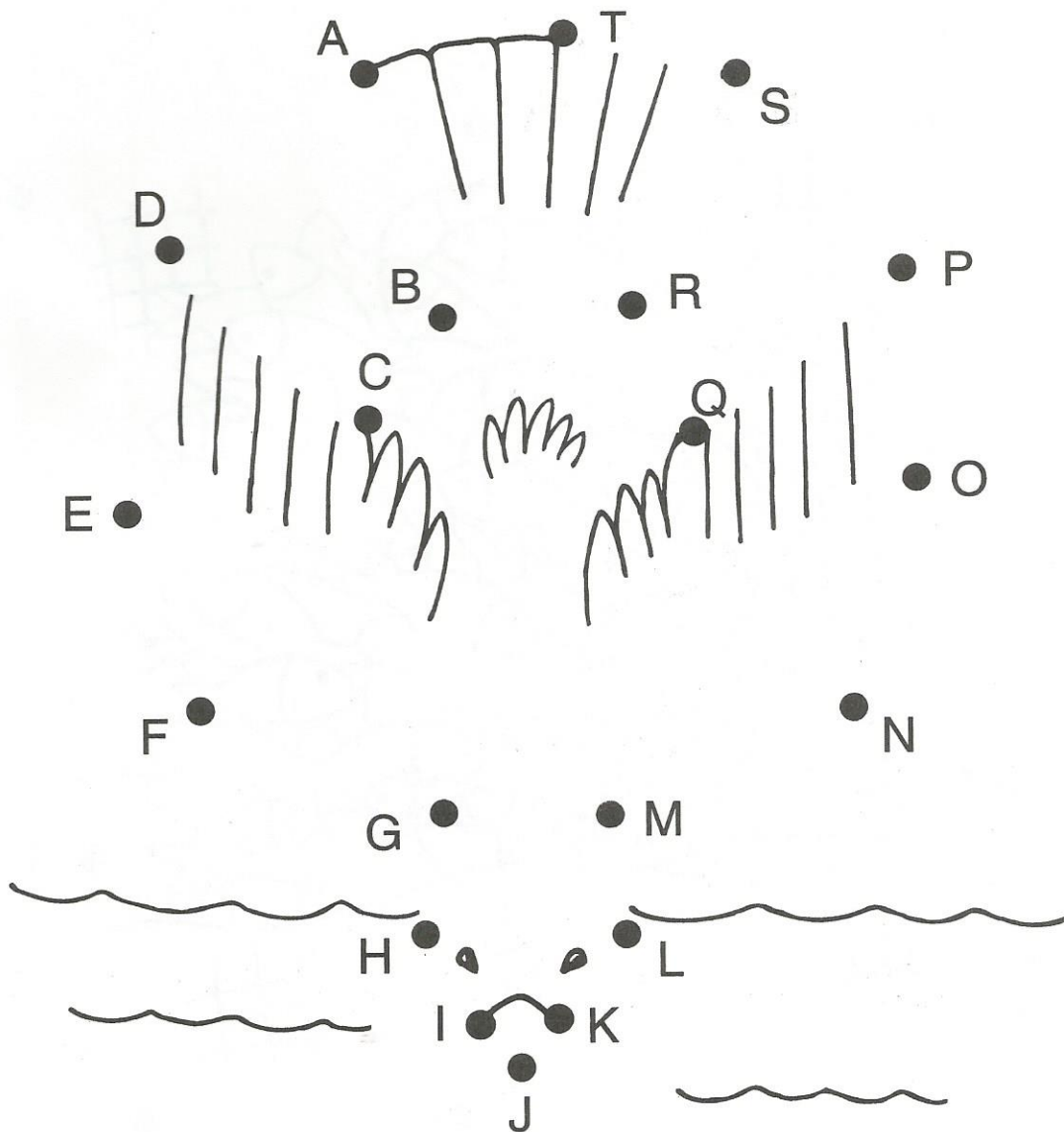
## Talk About

- ☀ In our Bible story today, a man named John told people that Jesus is God's Son. John was glad to know that Jesus is God's Son. John and Jesus and many people were standing by a river. Jesus wanted to obey God by being baptized in the river. Let's make river pictures to remind us about today's story.
- ☀ Merissa, I see you used the blue marker to draw a river. When have you been to a river? What did you see in the river?
- ☀ I am glad to know that God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus loves everyone in the world. Thank You, God, for Your Son, Jesus.

## Enrichment Ideas

1. Provide paper and scissors. Children draw river items on paper, cut them out and glue them to their pictures.
2. Provide glue, small pebbles and bits of plants for children to glue to their river pictures before covering them with cellophane.



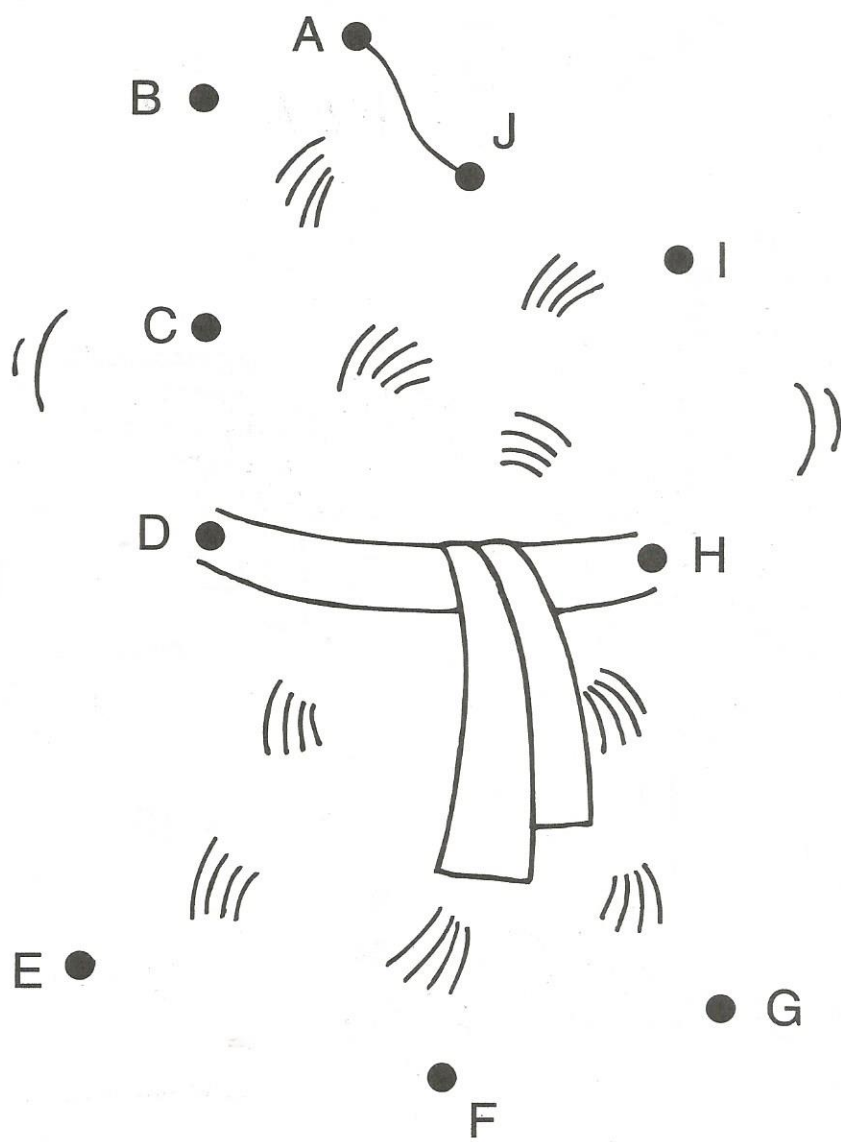


John baptized Jesus.  
And after it was done,  
This bird came down from heaven  
To God's beloved son.



God said, "This is my beloved Son.  
I am well pleased with Him."

*Mark 1:4-11*



John was a very rugged man  
Grizzly like a bear.  
Here's a covering for him  
Made from camel's hair.