

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10th January
"My Son, My Beloved"



John was baptizing people in the desert. He preached a baptism of changed hearts and lives for the forgiveness of sins. All the people from Judea and Jerusalem were going out to John. They told about the sins they had done. Then they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothes made from camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. This is what John preached to the people: "There is one coming later who is greater than I. I am not good enough even to kneel down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water. But the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the place where John was. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. When Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven open. The Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove. A voice came from heaven and said: "You are my Son and I love you. I am very pleased with you."



Mark 1:4-11

Jesus was perfect. He never sinned. Did He need to be baptized? No! Jesus wanted to be obedient to God the Father in every single way. Though He did not have to be baptized, He chose to be baptized in order to show everyone that He was following God and being obedient to God the Father. What happened right after Jesus was baptized? The sky opened up and a voice spoke. Whose voice do you think that was? It was God the Father's voice. Through speaking, He was giving everyone a sign that Jesus was His Son.

So, Jesus' baptism had three very important signs. Number one: It was a sign of obedience. Number two: It was a sign that Jesus was a follower of God. Number three: It was a sign that Jesus was God's Son through God speaking.

Remember, when you see someone today baptized, it is a sign too. It is a sign that tells people we believe in Jesus and trust in Him to forgive us of our sins. It shows people our hearts have been washed clean and we are ready to live a new life in obedience to God.



Pray

Dear God,
Thank you for your Fatherly love.
Help us to remember how incredible you are and to
remember to follow you always.
In Jesus name
Amen

