

# KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 21st February  
"Jesus Makes A Promise"

## READ

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."<sup>12</sup> Then the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert alone. He was in the desert 40 days and was there with the wild animals. While he was in the desert, he was tempted by Satan. Then angels came and took care of Jesus. Jesus Chooses Some Followers After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee and preached the Good News from God. Jesus said, "The right time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Change your hearts and lives and believe the Good News!"



Mark 1:9-15 ICB

## THINK



Let's pretend that you and some friends are planning a surprise birthday party for another friend of yours, who we'll call "Lucy." And you all promised each other to NOT TELL Lucy about her surprise birthday party.

But, then your friend Lucy talks to you and says, "Hey, my birthday is tomorrow, do you know what people are doing for my birthday? I really want to know!"

What would you do? Would you tell her about the surprise birthday party? Or would you keep your promise to not tell the secret?



It's a tough question, isn't it? Because on one hand you want to tell your friend the truth, but on the other hand you made a promise to keep your other friends' plans a secret.

In today's Bible story, there are no secrets in the story, but Jesus does make a promise to pay attention to God. That's what the baptism part of today's story is: a promise. By being baptized, Jesus is saying, I promise to make God the centre of my life. I will make this promise happen by paying attention to God all of the time. After Jesus makes this promise, the story says that the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where Jesus was tempted. This is like your friends calling you up and asking, "Tell me what's happening on my birthday?" In other words, "tempted" is a fancy word that means Jesus had a chance to break the promise he made to God.

So, what do you think – do you think Jesus broke his promise in that other story? Jesus did not break the promise he had made to God. And, because Jesus didn't break his promise to pay attention to God, that tells us that Jesus was really good at paying attention to God. The better we are taught how to practice paying attention to God, the better we will be able to receive God's love and direction – which helps us but is also something we can then share with others.



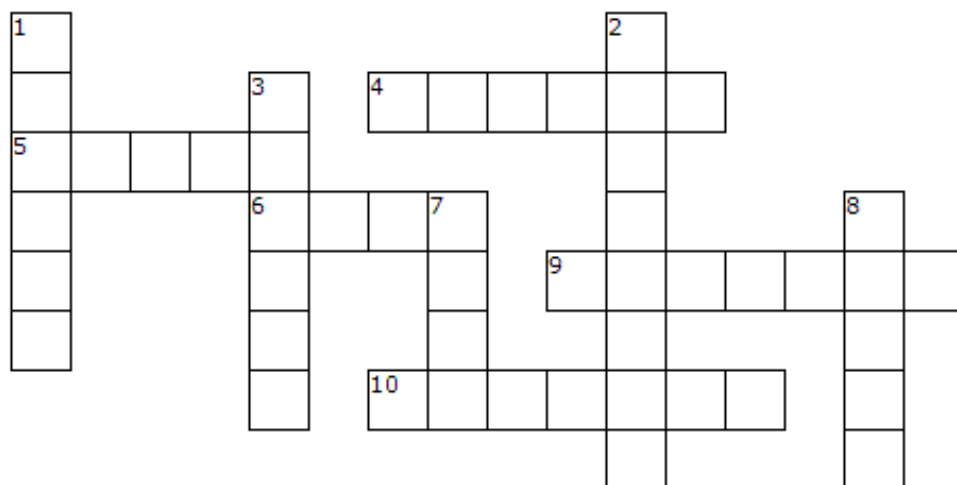
## Pray

Dear God,  
Thank you for Jesus who kept his promise to pay attention to you and then showed us how to do the same.  
Thank you and amen.

# Carrying the Message

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Based on Mark 1:9-15 (NIV)



## ACROSS

4. Jesus was baptized in the \_\_\_\_\_ River. (vs.9)
5. Jesus was tempted by \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.13)
6. Jesus proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_ news of God. (vs.14)
9. Jesus said, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is near." (vs.15)
10. Jesus asked people to repent and \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.15)

## DOWN

1. The Spirit led Jesus into the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.12)
2. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by John. (vs.9)
3. Jesus was tended to by \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.13)
7. The Spirit descended on Jesus like a \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.10)
8. Jesus was in the desert for \_\_\_\_\_ days. (vs.13)

JORDAN	KINGDOM	FORTY	DOVE	ANGELS
BELIEVE	DESERT	SATAN	BAPTIZED	GOOD

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REPENT  
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