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## Jesus' Baptism – Mark 4:1-11

There was a man named John the Baptizer, who was Jesus' cousin.

One day, John the Baptizer was preaching and baptizing people in the Jordan River.

John the Baptizer might have looked a little funny. He wore clothes made of camel's fur and had very long and fuzzy hair. He even ate weird foods like locusts.

While John the Baptizer was in the water, Jesus appeared. Jesus asked to be baptized.

John the Baptizer was surprised Jesus wanted to be baptized by him. Why did Jesus need to be baptized anyway?

John the Baptizer did as Jesus asked. John the Baptizer put Jesus' head under the water and baptized him by the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus came up from underneath the water, a dove appeared. Then a voice from the skies told Jesus he was God's son, he was loved, and God was very happy with him.

### Family Spiritual Practice

Read the story of Jesus' baptism together. Every time you hear the name "John the Baptizer," make the sound of splashing water.

**Wonder:** How did Jesus feel when he heard God's voice? Have you ever heard God's voice? What does God say about you?

**Do:** Discuss the story and baptism over your favorite safe water activity like a water table or sensory water play. If members of your family have been baptized, talk about that special day. If members of your family have not been baptized, wonder about baptism together. What do you think it means? Why do you think it's important?

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you sending Jesus as an example for us. Thank you for being happy with us, God. We love you, God. Amen.

