

#### **KNOW** > Jesus' Baptism, Luke 3:1-22

Before the ministry of Jesus began, John the Baptist went out into the lower Jordan River valley and preached a message of repentance to all who would listen. In those days, some Gentiles (non-Jewish people) would come to believe in the God of Israel. Those who wished to become followers of God would participate in a ceremony of washing. What was truly remarkable about John's washing ceremony was that he invited Jewish men and women to be washed. John stressed that the coming of God's Kingdom was at hand. Now was the time for the people of Israel to change their hearts and lives in response.

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Read Luke 3:1-22

What happened when Jesus was baptized by John? Read Luke 3:21-22

Talk with your family about what it means to be baptized. If you or anyone in your family are baptized, talk about why you made the choice and how you felt after being baptized. As we learn about how Jesus grew and began his ministry. Let's think about how we are growing in our relationship with Jesus.

Watch YouTube video "The Baptism of Jesus" by Saddleback Kids

## MEMORY VERSE >

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life." John 3:16

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Remember, walking with Jesus is not a race. Baptism is the first step after salvation for everyone, including kids. Some kids are ready sooner than others. And that's OK! It's always better to wait then to pressure children to take a step they don't quite understand. If your kids are asking about baptism, I given out these books to some of our KFC Kids that have been baptized. "God... Should I Be Baptized?" by Laurie Donahue and Ralph Rittenhouse. This workbook will help prepare your kids and encourage conversations with them. To start the conversations with your kids here are few verses to read and study; Acts 4:12, Acts 16:30-31, Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 19:25-26 and Romans 6.

## PRAYER TIME >

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be an example of how we should live. Thank you for loving us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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