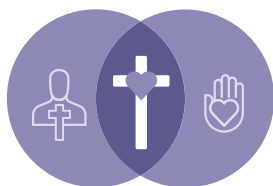


THE POINTING PROPHET

LESSON 5

Matthew 3; John 1:29–34

JESUS IS THE LAMB OF GOD.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God's Word and Sacraments point me toward my Savior.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can use God's Word to point others toward Jesus Christ.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can describe how the events of the narrative of Jesus' Baptism reveal Him to be the Lamb of God.

YOUTH

I can make connections between the sacrificial lambs of the Old Testament and Jesus, the Lamb of God.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that Jesus is the promised Lamb of God.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away my sins.

BIBLE VERSE

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world!

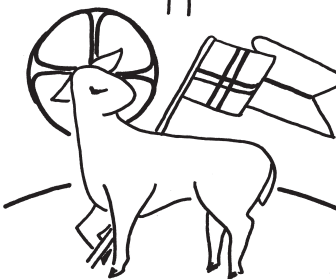
John 1:29

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

John the Baptist lives in the wilderness, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and honey. John's message of repentance and preparation draws people to the banks of the Jordan, where they receive Baptism. As the prophet sent to point out the Messiah, John declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29), as Jesus approaches. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is My beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ **On the Go**—John pointed the way to Jesus, the Lamb of God. As you ride in the car, look for signs that have arrows on them. To what are the arrows pointing? Do any of them point to churches?
- ▶ **At Mealtime**—Talk about how the three persons of the Trinity are each clearly present at Jesus' Baptism.
- ▶ **Something to Do**—John the Baptist ate honey while he lived in the wilderness. Spread honey on crackers for a snack. Do you think you could survive on honey in the wilderness? Who was with John while he was out preaching? How is God with you too?
- ▶ **Before Bed**—Jesus told John that His Baptism would "fulfill all righteousness," which means that it was part of God's will. What are some other ways Jesus would fulfill all righteousness? In your Baptism, Jesus' righteousness became your righteousness before God.

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