



3PK

January 25-26, 2014

DATE

Jesus' Was Baptized and Disciples Followed Him

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 4:18-22

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus was baptized and people followed him.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Have activities ready for kids when they arrive. Place coloring pages and crayons on the table or help kids engage in other activities like playing with a truck or baby doll. Use this time to get to know the kids individually. Ask them questions like: "Who brings you to church?", "What's your favorite...", etc.

check-in/out

Remind kids to tell their parents what happened when Jesus was baptized.

Remind parents to encourage kids to invite their friends to Kids' Club next weekend for Super Bowl Weekend!

large group heads up

Today, we're going to hear about how God revealed that Jesus was the Rescuer when he was baptized. Then Jesus chose 12 friends to follow him. God loves it when we follow Jesus too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Today we're going to talk about following Jesus. Let's practice following:
 - March in place
 - Spin around
 - Touch your elbows to your nose
 - Clap your hands
 - Wiggle your toes
 - Come with me! (Lead kids around the room.)
 - Put on your listening ears
 - Etc—whatever you want! But as you finish, move into several calmer moves, like tip-toeing, whispering, freezing perfectly still, etc.

Tell kids we're going to hear about how we can follow JESUS today. Then say Shhh! and remind them to stay quiet for Large Group. Tip-toe in together!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Jesus getting baptized and (2) recognize that Jesus wants us to follow him.

Why? We've talked about the story of John the Baptist in the past few months. So today's lesson focuses on some details we haven't examined in this age group.

Tip: Plan your beanbag game ahead of time. Feel free to adapt it to fit your group; just make sure there's a leader...and she/he is followed!

small group

***Give kids a snack as you review the story.**

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What did Jesus do in the video? (got baptized)
2. Why do people get baptized? (when we want to announce that we follow God)
3. What special things happened when Jesus got baptized? (sent a dove and said "This is my son, and I love him. I am pleased with him.")
4. What did everybody know when Jesus was baptized? (He's the Rescuer!)
5. Who did Jesus choose to follow him? (12 disciples)
6. Who else does Jesus want to follow him? (everybody who believes he's the Rescuer)

**Remind kids to invite friends next weekend so their friends can follow Jesus too!*

ACTIVITY: FOLLOW-THE-LEADER BEANBAG TOSS

Line kids up. (Split them into two or three groups if you have a large room / one volunteer can lead one group.) Choose a leader and an object somewhere in the room.

- The leader tosses the **beanbag** toward that object.
- Wherever the beanbag lands becomes the NEW target. (Leave it there.)
- Each kid following takes turns trying to hit the leader's beanbag with their own!
- After all kids have gone, start over with a new leader.
- Give everyone a chance.

Remind kids that Jesus wants us to follow HIM, and show others how to follow him!

***Pray together, thanking God that he sent Jesus to show us how to follow him.**

Extra time? Let kids finish coloring their sandals (shoes for following!) or try out the activity on the following page:

Have an "Animal Party": Make a circle. Choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it's done). The leader names an animal and then everybody imitates that animal! Be as loud and crazy as you want. Do sounds, movements, or both! To mix things up, limit animal choices per round. Ask kids to choose specific animals such as jungle animals, farm animals, birds, bugs, fish, etc.

special notes

This video is not our original content and therefore cannot be previewed online. However, the script follows pages 200-207 in the Jesus Storybook Bible (though we are cutting off a tiny bit in the beginning for brevity).

presenter tips

Make sure you smile--and smile a lot! Seriously, have fun and the kids will have fun. Be friendly and engage them with lots of smiles. Did we forget to mention to smile??

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun! (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S STORY

Presenter: (Hold up the Bible for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. A snake tricked the first two people, Adam and Eve, into thinking they didn't need to trust or obey God. So Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. We've been talking about that KING and Rescuer. His name is....(Let kids say: Jesus!) Yes, Jesus!

INTRO: JESUS CAME SO WE CAN FOLLOW HIM

Jesus came to earth as a baby at Christmas. And as he got older, he showed us how God likes to do amazing miracles, like turn water into wine and heal sick people. Because in God's Kingdom, there's always a reason to celebrate—and there's no sickness or sadness or death.



script continued

But, guess what? The very FIRST thing Jesus did was get baptized. He wanted to show everybody that he was the Rescuer so they could start following him!

And when Jesus got baptized, something pretty cool happened. We're going to watch a video about Jesus' baptism. It's going to start by telling us about John the Baptist, because that's the guy who baptized Jesus. So as you watch, listen to who John is and then see if you can figure out what happened when Jesus was baptized.

Video: Jesus Storybook Bible / Heaven Breaks Through

Wow, when Jesus got baptized, God sent the Holy Spirit to earth as a dove! And God said (use the microphone to create the effect of a booming voice), "This is my son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him." God loved—and still loves—Jesus so much! It was like heaven opened and EVERYBODY knew Jesus was the Rescuer. Say, "Jesus is the Rescuer!" (Let kids say it.)

WE CAN FOLLOW JESUS

(Show pictures of the 12 disciples.) The best part is, after Jesus got baptized, people knew he was the Rescuer and started following him. He even chose 12 special friends to follow him. Those people were called disciples. Can you guys say "disciples"? (Let kids say it.)

The disciples' job was to follow Jesus... and show other people how to follow Jesus. Then THOSE people could show other people...and they could show other people...and they could show other people...and on and on and on. Now WE can follow Jesus and show others how to follow him too!

Let's pray together and thank God that he sent a Rescuer!

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for sending Jesus! Thank you that we can follow him! We love you. A-MEN.

WORSHIP

Now let's stand and show our love to God by singing to him.

Song: Trust in the Lord

Song: Come With Me

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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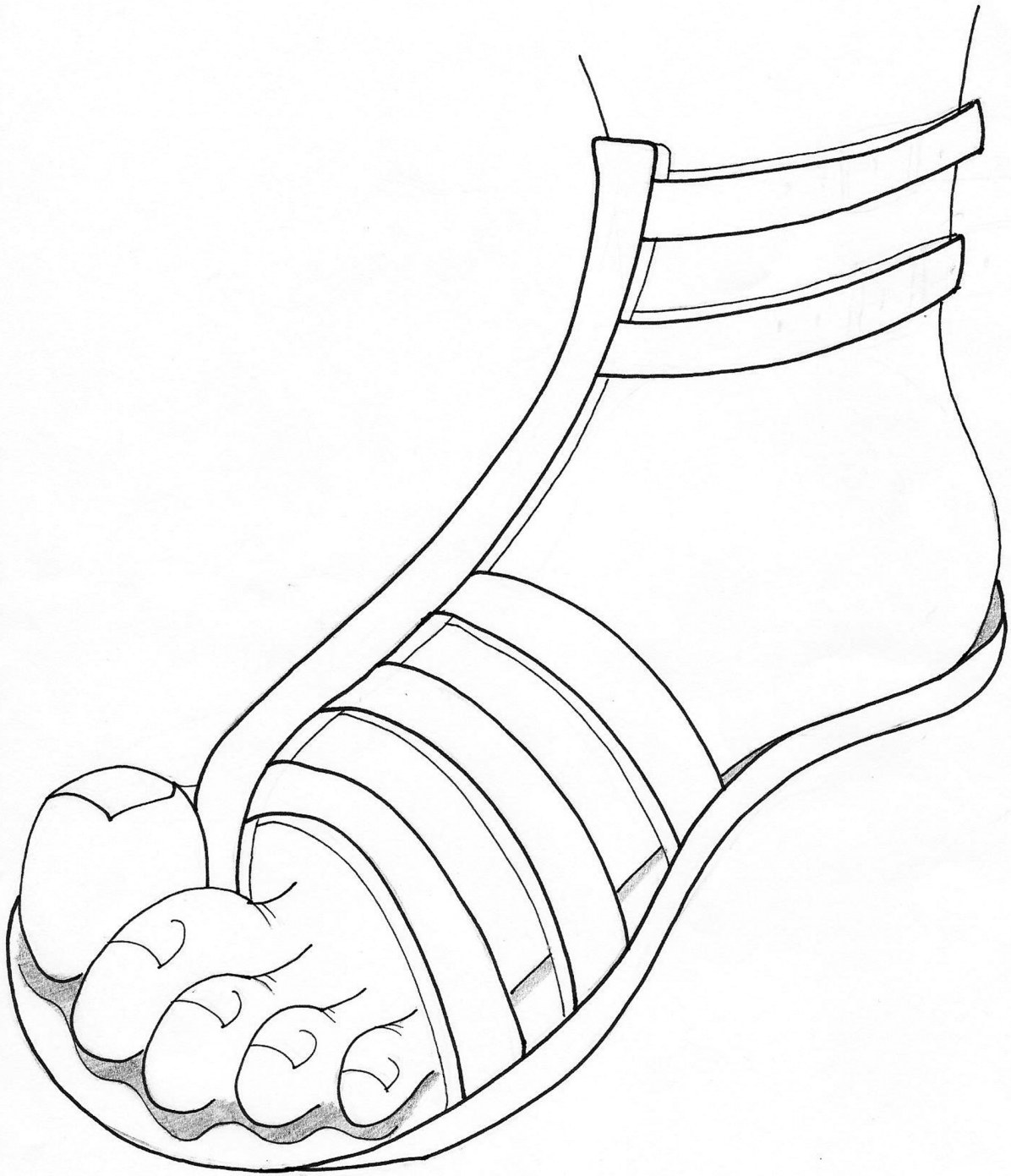
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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Follow Jesus Activity: No supplies needed

small group supplies

Per room: 10 beanbags (can be something simple like this: OT IN-61/4003)
Coloring Page: Sandal

large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible (page 200)

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun!
2. Video: Jesus Storybook Bible "Heaven Breaks Through" (please pull from LB's DVD copy and cut off the first 1:40 of the segment)
3. Image: 12 disciples
4. Song: Trust in the Lord
5. Song: Come With Me (hand motions)

connect questions

Tell me about when Jesus was baptized.
Who can follow Jesus?

parent page

Today, we heard about how God revealed that Jesus was the Rescuer when he was baptized (Matthew 3:13-17). Jesus set an example for others to follow. Then he chose 12 friends to follow him (Matthew 4:18-22). We can follow Jesus too!