

January 20-21, 2018

DATE

Jesus is baptized.

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

## 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

As kids leave, remind kids to tell their parents what happened when Jesus was baptized!

## 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! (When you get the 10-minute warning from the presenter, have children clean up and go sit on the rug.)**
- 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.
  - Whatever you want! But as you finish, move into several calmer moves, like tip-toeing, whispering, freezing perfectly still, etc.

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**

## special notes

Today's lesson is about baptism, and how it shows the world that we're ready to follow Jesus. Baptism is a pretty big concept for preschoolers to grasp, but don't worry about them memorizing the definition. Instead, focus on how we can **follow** Jesus!

## presenter tips

Here's a link to today's video:

Saddleback Kids / Jesus is Baptized:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_VMNO2MAmWA&index=36&list=PL5aPdmniG3y\\_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VMNO2MAmWA&index=36&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws)

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO

**Main Goal:** Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

**Notes:**

- **\*Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Share with others!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

**JESUS WAS BAPTIZED**

**Main Goal:** Understand what baptism means, and see how we can follow Jesus!

- **Say:** 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.
- **Say:** But, guess what? Jesus did something else that was really important...he got baptized! Can you say, "Baptized"? (Let kids respond.) Good job! Getting baptized is when we show everybody that we want to follow Jesus. And Jesus wanted to show everybody that he was the Rescuer, so they could start following him! Say, "Yayyy!" (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Let's watch a video about how a man named John helped baptize Jesus!
- **Video: Saddleback Kids / Jesus is Baptized**
- **Say:** Wow, when Jesus got baptized, he went under the water, then he came up out of the water! And God said, "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 up and EVERYBODY knew Jesus was the Rescuer. Let's all say, "Jesus is the Rescuer!" (Let kids respond.)

**WE CAN FOLLOW JESUS**

**Main Goal:** Understand what it means to follow Jesus, and put into practice with a game!

- **(Image: 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 respond.)
- **Say:** 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!
- **Say:** Let's practice some following! Everybody do as I do:
  - Stand on your tiptoes
  - Touch your knees
  - Raise your hands in the air
  - Roar like a lion
  - Say "Baaa!" like a lamb
  - Stand on one foot
  - Stand on the other foot
  - Spin in a circle
  - Give someone a hug
  - (Make up more if you want!)

**WRAP UP AND WORSHIP**

**Main Goal:** Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

- **Say:** You all just followed me by doing what I did, and we can do the same with Jesus! We can follow him by doing what he would do. Follow me as I do these actions of things that Jesus would do:
  - We can pray, and talk to God (Hold hands in a prayer position.)
  - We can read the Bible (Pretend to read a book or hold hands like an open book.)
  - We can show love to others (Put your hands on your heart.)
  - We can tell others about God (Put your hands around your mouth like you're shouting.)
- **Say:** Good job, everybody! God loves when we follow him! Right now, let's do something that Jesus did a lot....let's pray!
- **Pray (Breaking it into small, repeatable phrases):**
- **Set up worship:** Let's show Jesus how happy we are that he came to the world to rescue us. Let's stand up and worship!
- **Music Video: Whole Wide World**
- **Music Video: Jesus Loves Me**
- **Music Video: I Just Want to Thank You**

*Dismiss kids to small groups.*



## 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. Today's lesson focuses on some details we haven't yet examined in this age group.

**Tip:** Write kids' names on their bags!

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. When we get baptized, whom do we follow? (Jesus.)
2. Did Jesus get baptized in today's story? (Yes!)
3. Who helped baptize him in the water? (John the Baptist.)
4. How many did Jesus choose to follow him? (12 disciples; count to 12 on your fingers.)
5. Who else does Jesus want to follow him? (Everyone/us!)

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Set out **markers** and give each kid **1 popsicle stick**. Tell kids to color their popsicle sticks like Jesus! (Some kids may be able to draw a face/person, and some won't. As long as they know it represents Jesus, that's okay!)
- As kids are working, give them each **1 clear bag** and **3 pieces of blue tissue paper**. Help them scrunch up the tissue paper and put it in the bag. Kids can then take their Jesus figure and dip him in and out of the blue "water."
- Repeat "baptism" to kids so they familiarize the word with the action. Remind them that Jesus was baptized to show the world that he is the Rescuer!
- Remind kids that Jesus wants us to follow HIM, and for us to show others how to follow him!

*Extra time? Have kids do a **coloring sheet**. After that, play "Follow the Leader" or "Simon Says."*



## connect questions

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

## lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
No supplies needed.			

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Jesus Storybook Bible	1 per large group, reused	<a href="http://BiblesbytheCase.com">BiblesbytheCase.com</a>	site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring Page- Jesus was Baptized	1 per kid	Page 8, white paper	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Ziplock Bag	1 per kid	<a href="#">Sam's Club, Item #472200</a> (sandwich size)	KC National
Popsicle Stick	1 per kid	<a href="#">Oriental Trading, Item #IN-57/1008</a> (large or jumbo)	KC National
Blue Tissue Paper Square	3 per kid	<a href="#">Uline, Item #7097ROY</a> , Approximately 3x3" each	KC National

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Tell me about how Jesus was baptized.

How do we follow Jesus?

*Read more about this week's story in Matthew 3:13-17,  
and Matthew 4:18-22.*

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# A/V needs

## Preschool



1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. HOPS Share with others! (<https://vimeo.com/67408014>)
3. Video: Saddleback Kids / Jesus is Baptized ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_VMNO2MAmwA&index=36&list=PL5aPdmniG3y\\_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VMNO2MAmwA&index=36&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws))
4. Image: 12 Disciples
5. Music Video: Whole Wide World (<https://vimeo.com/75339448>)
6. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (<https://vimeo.com/44164426>)
7. Music Video: I Just Want to Thank You (<https://vimeo.com/201079936>)