LESSON 13

Jesus is Baptised



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus came to this world because it was God's will. Jesus truly is the Son of God.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 1:1–11; Luke 3:10–14**

Memory Verse: **Mark 1:11**
And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

How can we find out what is happening in our town or in the world? Possible answers: the radio, a newspaper, the drums, a messenger. In the past, in some countries there were people whose job it was to be messengers for the ruler. They had to go and spread the news in every town.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. God sent a certain person to be his special messenger, saying that God was going to send his only Son to this world (1:2). This messenger's name was John the Baptist.
2. **Tell the children where John lived and how he lived (1:4, 6).**
3. **Tell them what John did (1:5, 7).** Now you know why he was called John the Baptist! He told people they had to change their evil ways (Mk 1:4; Lk 3:10–14). They had to prepare themselves for the coming of the Son of God (Mk 1:5, 6–7).
   Explain how the people prepared themselves:
   They asked God to forgive them.
   They were baptised.
   Baptism is a sign of repentance, which means that you are sorry for the sins you have committed and that you are turning away from sin.
4. One day Jesus came to John. He asked John to baptise him. But Jesus was perfect. He had no sin. He did not need to repent. Therefore, he did not need to be baptised. However, Jesus wanted to be one with the people. He chose to be treated like one of us sinners.
   Show Picture 13 and tell what happened (1:9–11). God spoke. He said and he showed that Jesus truly is his Son.

Instil the Memory Verse

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Our Response to the Story

After his baptism Jesus performed many miracles. We are going to hear about some of them in the coming weeks' lessons.

Jesus performed these miracles to show people that he was the Son of God. He still is the Son of God. When we follow or obey Jesus, the Son of God, we too become part of God's family: sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.



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