

Devotion 1 Jesus: The Loved Son

Reading: Mark 1:1-11

Question for kids: What are some ways that you are like your parents?

Question for parents: What are some ways that your kids are like you?

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Question for everyone: What could someone learn about your family by meeting you or just 1 person from your family? (Discuss these questions as a family.)

Say: Today we are going to read Mark 1:1-11. These verses talk about Jesus being God's Son. After we read through the verses, we are going to look at how Jesus and His Father interact and are like each other.

Read the verses (Mark 1:1-11); the New Living Translation is included but you can read from whatever translation you like best. We included the New Living Translation because it is easy to read and understand. If you have questions about some of the words included in the text from whatever translation you use, you can read another Bible translation to help you and your family better understand what it is saying ☺The verse numbers aren't included to help you read through it more easily but as you get to the discussion questions, it might be helpful to use a version with verse numbers.

After reading the verses say: We heard about John the Baptist, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Father in these verses! John got his nickname because he baptized people to help them see their sins and to apologize

to God for the wrong things that they did. When Jesus came to John to be baptized, He was showing that He is God's son! This is where we get to see that Jesus is special and different from other people. Jesus gave everyone a picture of how we should listen to God and obey Him.

Next, take a look at the discussion questions that are on the next page of your booklet and answer them as a family. Let everyone have a turn giving answers and let the Holy Spirit guide your conversations. If you have multiple ages in your family, do a mix of some of the lower-level questions and the higher-level questions included. This will help to create better discussions. It can also be helpful to let your older children read the questions and lead the discussion with your guidance.

After going through the discussion questions, take time to pray together. Thank God for giving us His Son Jesus and pray for the requests that each member of your family has.

Discussion Questions for 2 through PreK

Before doing these questions it may be helpful to watch this video (It's 2 minutes and is an animated video of Jesus' baptism): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMzIB185JSc&feature=youtu.be>

What are some things that you saw in the video?

What did John use to baptize Jesus with?

What are some things that make your parents happy or proud?

(After they answer, say: Jesus was baptized and that made His Father proud of Him, it showed that Jesus is God's Son!)

Discussion Questions for K through 2nd

Before doing these questions it may be helpful to watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lMzIB185JSc&feature=youtu.be>

What did John use to baptize Jesus with?

What came down from Heaven after Jesus was baptized?

What did the loud voice from Heaven say when Jesus was baptized?

Why do you think that was said to Jesus when He was baptized?

Discussion Questions for 3rd through 5th

Who baptized Jesus?

Who do we see present in this story? (There are 4 persons total)

What did the Father say to Jesus when He was baptized?

Why do you think the Father said that to Jesus?

Discussion Questions for 6th through 8th

What does verse 7 say about who Jesus is?

What does John say is different about his baptism than our baptisms?
(Look at verse 8)

What does verse 11 say about who Jesus is?

Who do we see present in this story? List an attribute or description of each one from the verses. (There are 4 persons total)

Discussion Questions for 9th through 12th

What does verse 7 say about who Jesus is?

What does John say is different about his baptism than our baptisms?
(Look at verse 8)

What does verse 11 say about who Jesus is?

What does the fact that Jesus is God's Son show you personally about God's character?

To help answer this question, you can look at 2 Corinthians 5:21:
For God made Christ--who never sinned--to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

How has Jesus made a difference in your life?