

Devotion 2 Jesus is Baptized

Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Begin by having everyone wash their hands. You can also have everyone use hand sanitizer if you aren't home/don't have access to soap and water when you are doing this.

Say: We have all been washing our hands and using hand sanitizer more lately. Why do we wash our hands and use hand sanitizer? (Discuss this as a family)

Say: When we wash our hands, we get rid of the germs and dirt and whatever else is on them. Washing our hands helps us to stay healthy and to stay clean. In our Bible reading for today, we are going to hear about Jesus being baptized.

Read Matthew 3:13-17 together as a family. You can take turns and have everyone read one verse, act it out, or have one person read it all.

After reading the verses say: In our reading, we heard about Jesus being baptized by John. John was confused by Jesus wanting to be baptized by him and asked, "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you, so why are you coming to me?" Jesus told John to baptize Him because Jesus' Father wanted Him to be baptized. Do you remember who Jesus' Father is? (If you did devotion #1, we talked about how Jesus is God's Son.)

Say: Jesus wanted to show that He loves His Father and obeys Him and so He got baptized! Jesus never disobeyed His Father and He never sinned. He was perfect! Are there times where we don't listen and obey?

Say: God knows that we can't be perfect like Jesus but He gives us the opportunity to be baptized just like Jesus was baptized. When we are baptized, our sins are washed away! Remember how we washed the germs off of our hands earlier? Our baptisms wash the sins away from our lives.

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 you've completed the discussion questions, take time to pray as a family. Thank God for washing away our sins in our baptisms. Pray that He would help us to obey and listen to Him. Pray for any needs or requests that members of the family have.

Discussion Questions for 2 through PreK

When was a time that you got really muddy or dirty and needed to wash it off or take a bath?

What do we use to get clean?

What did Jesus wash away in our baptisms?

Discussion Questions for K through 2nd

How do we get clean after we are dirty or muddy?

What did Jesus wash away in our baptisms?

What do we use in baptism? (Hint, it's the same thing John used to baptize Jesus with!)

Discussion Questions for 3rd through 5th

What is washed away when someone is baptized?

What is used when a person is baptized?

Why are we baptized?

Discussion Questions for 6th through 8th

Why was Jesus baptized? (hint: look at verse 15)

Why are we baptized?

What is used in baptism?

Discussion Questions for 9th through 12th

Did Jesus need to be baptized?

Why was Jesus baptized?

What does knowing you are forgiven through your baptism mean to you?