

**Bible Story:** Jesus is Baptized: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Big Idea:** We can hear God's voice if we listen.

**Memory Verse:** Seek Me with all of your heart. – Jeremiah 29:13b

**Lesson Guide:**

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- [0001 God Loves Me Specially 1 - YouTube](#)
- [Guess What | Preschool Worship Song - YouTube](#)
- [Every Move I Make | Dance-A-Long with Lyrics | Kids Worship - YouTube](#)



2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

[A Day At The Museum Preschool Week 2 \(vimeo.com\)](#)

3. Review the Bible story like this:

***\*Supplies: Bible & Picture of John and Jesus in the River (below)***



- Today we are going to hear another story about John the Baptist and Jesus. Do you remember John the Baptist from last week's story? What do you remember about him?

*(He lived in the desert, he ate locusts and honey, he wore camel hair clothing, he was strange, he was special, he told people that Jesus was coming and that they needed to turn from the wrong things they do and seek God).*

- Would you believe that some people thought John was the Savior God had promised?
- It's probably because he would baptize people in the river. Going in the water showed you were willing to give up your old way of life, and when you came back up out of the water, you were showing you were ready for a new life with God!
- Anyway, one day John was doing the usual — baptizing people in the Jordan River. The sound of water splashing and the joyful shouts from the people getting baptized were all around!
- But, what happened next is mind blowing.
- Jesus himself came to the river! John was so excited! Jesus was the person he had been telling everyone about!
  - **Can you guess what Jesus did when he came to the river?**
  - Jesus asked John to baptize him, so John did!
- Do you know what happened next? *(Show the kids the picture of John and Jesus)*
  - The skies became brighter than ever – so bright everyone could barely look up! And God's Spirit came down and hovered over us like a dove. It was such a special moment. But that's not all.
- Perk up your listening ears because you won't want to miss this next part. The Bible tells us this:
  - "And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" *(Luke 3:22b, NIV)*
- John, Jesus and those nearby got to hear God's voice as God spoke to Jesus! This was definitely a day to remember.

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#### 4. Practice the January Memory Verse like this:

- Look up Jeremiah 29:13b in the Bible and read it to the kids.
- Help the kids learn the verse using these motions:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/cspsy1peseqy99o/Jan2022PreKMemVerseMotions.MOV?dl=0>
- I wonder if there were any actual doves flying nearby the day that Jesus was baptized?
- Let's pretend to fly around the room. When I say "Listen up," fly back to me as fast as you can for us to say the memory verse together.
- Repeat a few times.
- I wonder if John the Baptist or Jesus ever swam in the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. Do you guys like to swim?
- Let's pretend to swim around the room, but when I say, "listen up," swim back over to me as fast as you can so we can say the memory verse together.
- I wonder what kind of fish lived in the Jordan River?
- Let's press our palms against our cheeks and form fish lips.
- For our last challenge, let's see how fast/ well we can say the verse while keeping our fish lips.
- Remind your family that part of seeking God with all their heart is taking time to listen for Him to speak to them.
- Tell them again that, "We can hear God's voice if we listen!"

#### 5. Pray with your family.