

Year 3

Week 117

Baptism of Jesus

Scriptures: Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-12; Luke 3:1-23

Key Verse: Mark 1:10-11 “And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting, and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

Key Points:

1. John the Baptist wore clothes of camel’s hair, a girdle of skin about his waist and ate locust and wild honey.
2. John the Baptist baptized in the wilderness of Judea in the Jordan River. He preached a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. People from all over the land of Judea and of Jerusalem went to him, and were all baptized by him, confessing their sins.
3. Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized of John
4. When John and Jesus came out of the water, the heaven opened, and the Spirit of God descending like a dove upon him. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
5. Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Ready for Jesus



Jesus



clothes



camel



locust



desert



people

























kingdom



Heaven



dove

 and John were cousins. John was called John the Baptist. His  were made of  hair. His food was s and wild honey. He preached in the . He preached to the  of Israel. He said, "Change your hearts. The  of  is coming soon. Get ready." Ready for what? Ready for . Many  listened to John the Baptist preach. Many  changed their hearts. John baptized these . They were ready for . Then one day  came to John.  asked John to baptize Him. When  was baptized,  opened. A  came from . The  sat on . A voice from  said, "You are my Son and I love you. I am very pleased with you."



John Baptizes Jesus
Matthew 3, Luke 2, John 1

God's Message for His Son

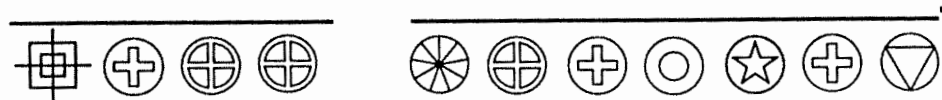
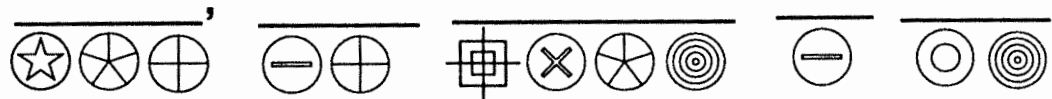
Matthew 3:13-17

When Jesus was about 30 years old, His friend, John the Baptist began to preach to the Jewish people. He told them to repent from their sins and he baptized people who turned away from their sin. Jesus asked John to baptize Him too. John didn't want to baptize Jesus because He wasn't sinful, but Jesus insisted and so John did baptize Him too. By being baptized, Jesus showed that He promised to obey God. After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove and God's voice spoke from heaven.

Use the code in the rectangle to decode God's message for His Son, Jesus, and write it on the lines.

Code:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



Matthew 3:17

Ready to Search

Search for the 6-letter words in the story "Ready for Jesus." Circle them in the box of letters below.

Look in all directions!



A	B	L	E	G	O	P	E	N	E	D	G	B
W	D	L	U	F	T	I	U	R	F	N	U	V
S	S	C	A	M	E	L	Z	I	E	A	R	T
G	T	A	D	F	I	N	S	S	H	B	T	R
H	Y	R	B	G	S	R	N	L	D	S	D	E
C	H	E	A	S	A	F	O	L	U	B	C	S
A	E	O	D	E	O	F	C	C	T	H	O	E
E	A	R	L	R	H	R	O	H	D	A	M	D
R	V	I	O	K	S	L	S	U	A	A	I	Q
P	E	O	T	J	O	H	N	E	Z	N	N	U
M	N	K	R	C	A	L	L	E	D	S	G	I
S	S	T	I	E	L	H	E	E	D	E	D	E
D	L	E	L	P	O	E	P	P	R	H	T	R

Matthew 3:14-15

Fill in the blanks using the New King James Version of the Bible.

And John *tried to* _____ Him, saying,

“I _____ to be _____ by You, and

are You _____ to me?”

But _____ answered and said to him,

“_____ *it to be* _____ now, for thus

it is _____ for us to _____ all

_____.” Then he _____ Him.

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The Baptism of Jesus

B E V O D S Z T R Q D J
R N Q N T W N E J U E O
I I O J O N L E U J V R
D S K L S A P Y V H O D
E E Z I T P A B A A L A
G F R I E N D I K H E N
R R V M I S S I O N B H
O E E J B S T I R I P S
O V O A E M X C I N Z U
M H Z M T S A B V G Q L
N O B N E E U L E I L P
X O X M R G R S R S C C

BAPTIZE
DOVE
HEAVENS
JORDAN
MISSION
SIGN

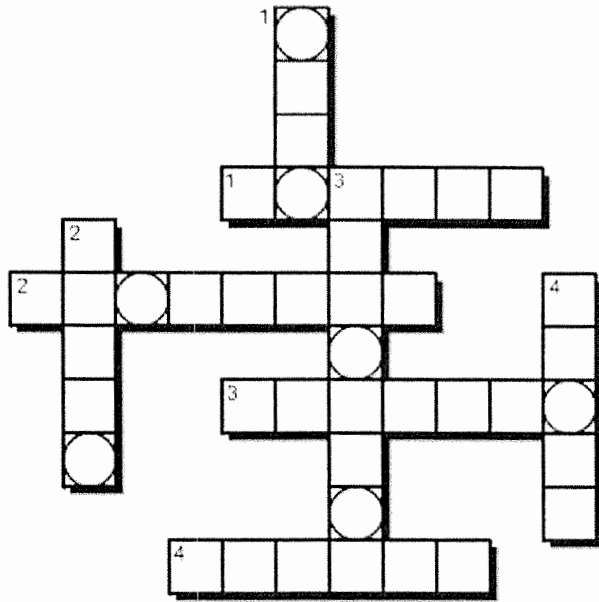
BELOVED
FRIEND
JESUS
LAMB
RELATIVE
SON

John the Baptist

Prepares the Way for Jesus - Matthew 3 (NIV)

God had a special work for John the Baptist. He was to prepare the people so they could accept God's son. First they needed to repent of their sins. The prophet Isaiah prophesied about John.

Read what he said in Matthew 3:3



Across:

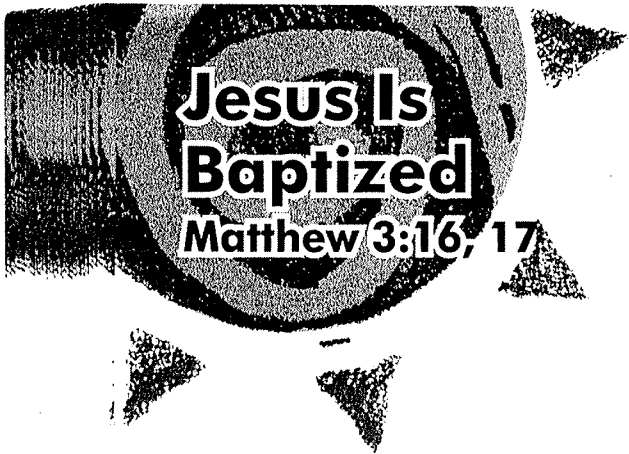
1. John's message was to _____ .
(vs.2)
2. Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan river to be _____ by John. (vs.13)
3. John ate _____ and honey in the desert. (vs.4)
4. Many people confessed their sins and were baptized by John in the _____ river.
(vs.6)

Down:

1. When Jesus came out of the water John saw the spirit of God descent like a _____ on Jesus. (vs.16)
2. John wore clothes made of _____ hair. (vs.4)
3. John _____ in the desert of Judea. (vs.1)
4. _____ asked John to baptize him.
(vs.13-15)

Take the letters that are circled in the crossword puzzle above and unscramble them to see what God had to say about His Son Jesus after he was baptized by John.

A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well _____ ." (vs.17)



God's Son

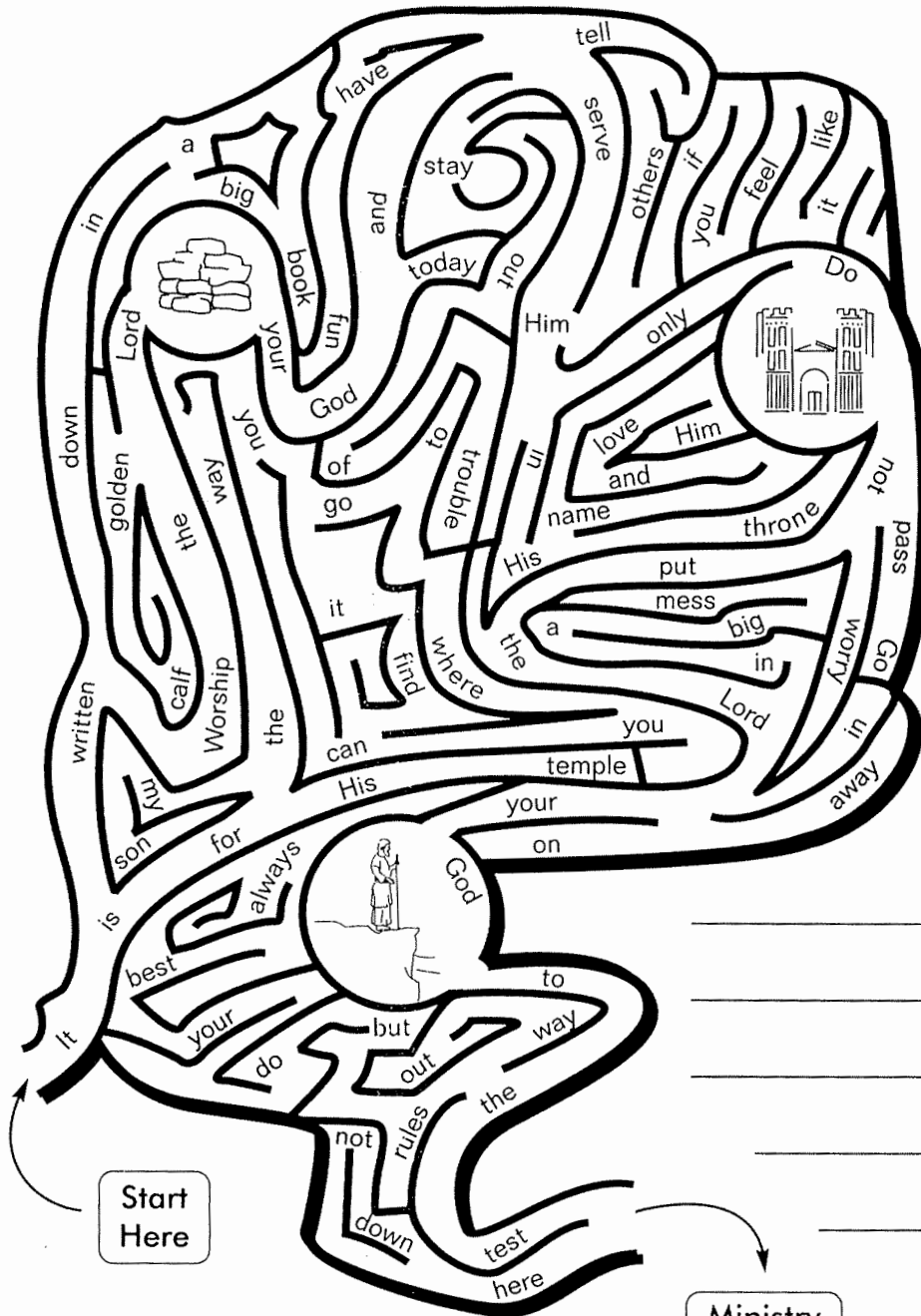
Connect the dots in order from A to Z to make a picture of the word missing from the Scripture below.

X ● Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water. Heaven opened, and he saw God's Spirit coming down on him like a _____.
 W ● And a voice spoke from heaven. The voice said, "This is my Son and I love him."
 V ● I am very pleased with him."

Z ● ● A ● ● F ● ● G ● ●
 Y ● ● B ● ● E ● ● H ● ●
 D ● ● I ● ● J ● ● M ● ●
 C ● ● K ● ● L ● ● N ● ●
 U ● ● Q ● ● P ● ●
 R ● ● S ● ●
 T ● ● O ● ●



Wilderness Maze



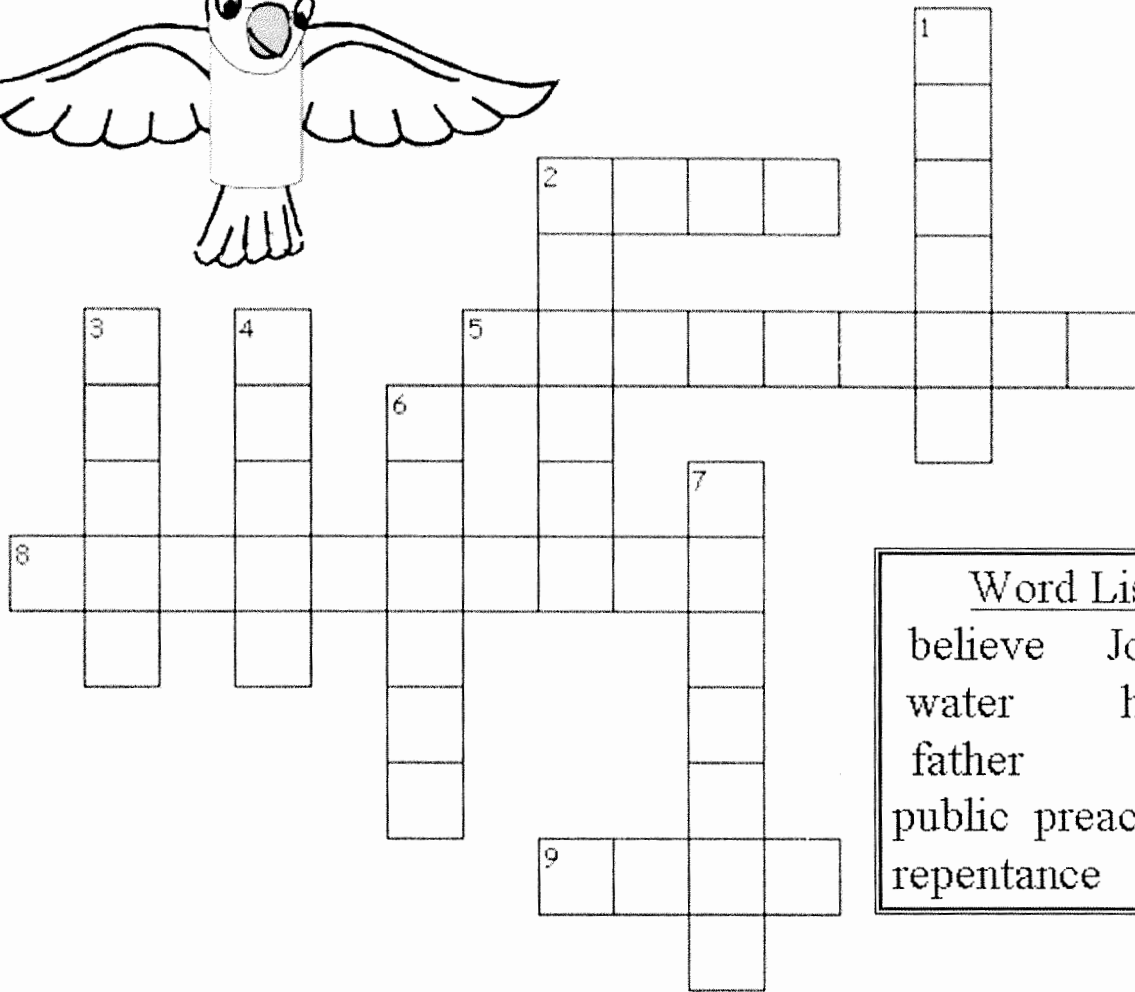
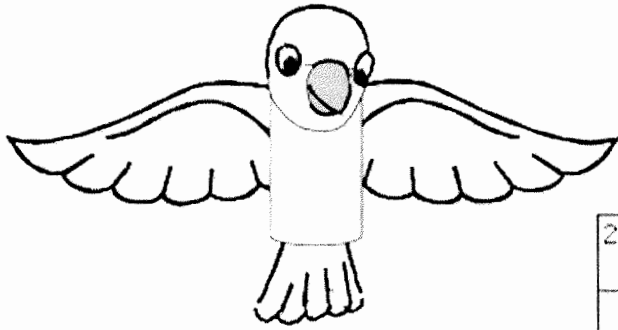
After Jesus was baptized, he went into the wilderness for forty days. There, the devil tempted him three times, but Jesus did not give in.

Find the path that takes Jesus through the devil's temptations and out into the world to begin his ministry. Write the words you find along the path in order on the lines below to find two responses Jesus made to Satan.

Start Here

Ministry

Jesus is Baptized Crossword



Word List:
believe Jordon
water honey
father John
public preaching
repentance dove

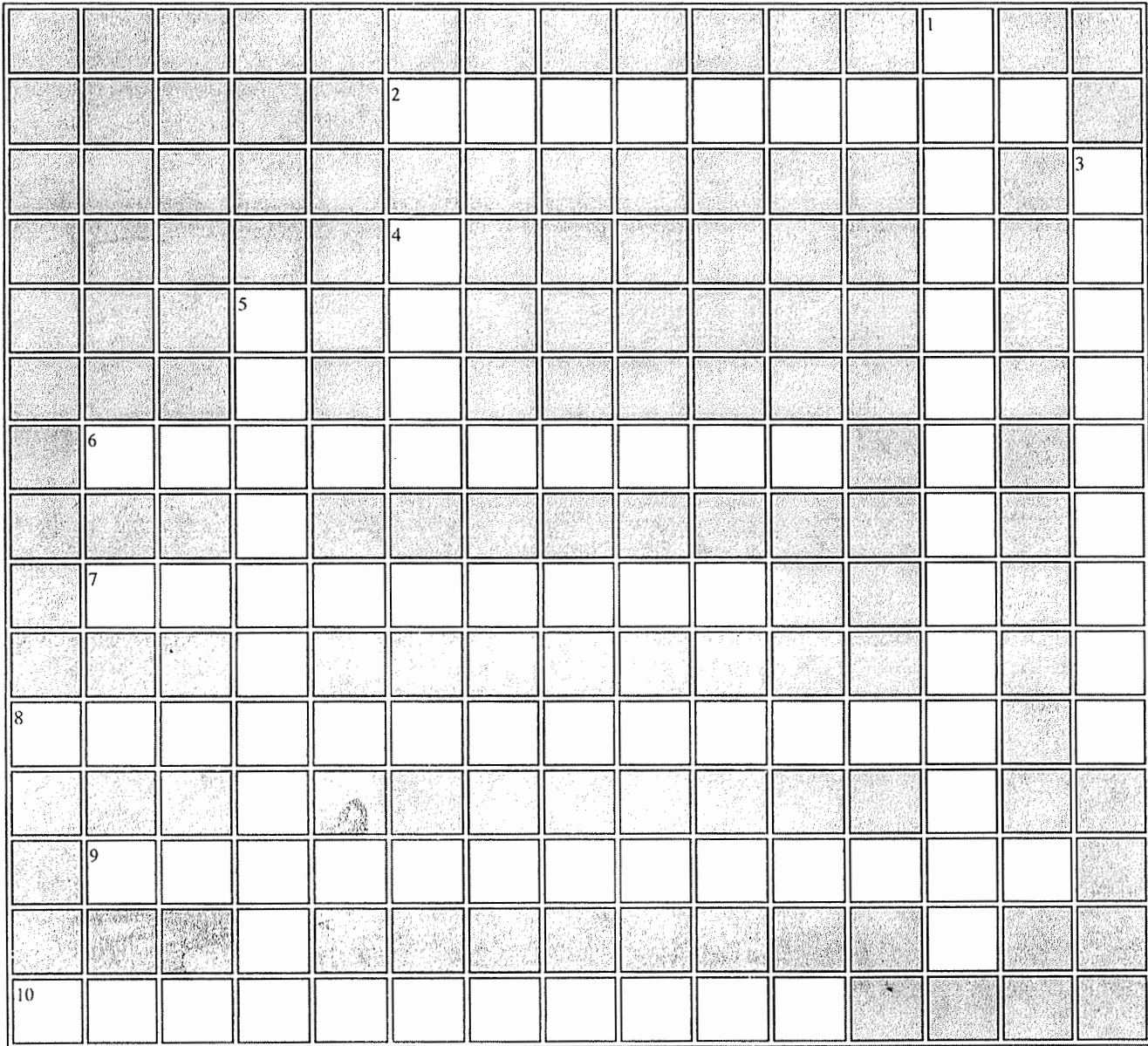
Across

2. He prepared the way for Jesus.
5. John the Baptist was doing a lot of this along with baptizing others.
8. As a Christian it is important to ask for forgiveness and mean it, this is called_____.
9. This came out of the sky to Jesus right after he was baptized.

Down

1. Baptism is a _____ display of our belief in God.
2. The name of the river where Jesus was baptized.
3. Something sweet that John ate in the wilderness.
4. This is used a symbol to wash our sins away.
6. We are should be baptized in the name of the _____, Son and the Holy Spirit.
7. This is the main thing you need to do before you are baptized.

The Baptism of Jesus



Across

Down

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|---|---|
| <p>2. John called Jesus the ____.</p> <p>6. John described himself as a friend of the ____.</p> <p>7. John's mother</p> <p>8. John said Jesus must ____.</p> <p>9. Jesus was baptized to fulfill all ____.</p> <p>10. the place where John was baptizing people</p> | <p>1. John prepared people for the ____.</p> <p>3. Jesus was God in ____.</p> <p>4. a bird that came down and rested on Jesus</p> <p>5. The ____ was in the form of a bird.</p> |
|---|---|

WORD BANK: JORDAN RIVER, RIGHTEOUSNESS, DOVE, SPIRIT OF GOD, ELIZABETH HUMAN FORM, COMING OF CHRIST, BRIDEGROOM, BECOME GREATER, LAMB OF GOD