

# john prepares the way

At the age of thirty, Jesus was baptised in the Jordan River by His cousin, John the Baptist. Jesus was not baptised because He needed to repent of wrong but because He wanted to do everything that was right. He "fulfilled all righteousness." His heavenly Father was "well pleased."

# baptism of Jesus



Welcome all the Children/Young people and discuss their week. What did they get up to at school? What do they remember from last week's lesson? What things have they been praying and asking God for? **Start with Prayer**



## Matthew 3:13-17

It's time to read the bible together. Maybe someone would like to volunteer to read it, or perhaps we could read it together?



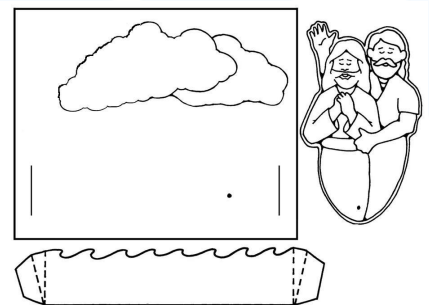
Click here to [Watch](#) together AND USE THE STORY IN THIS PACK TO READ.



- **Why was John baptising people?** (He was preparing the people to be ready for Jesus and His message for everyone)
- **Why did John say Jesus should baptise him?** (He knew that Jesus was greater than he and that Jesus hadn't sinned)
- **Who baptized Jesus?** (John the Baptist)
- **Where was Jesus baptized?** (The Jordan River)
- **Why was Jesus baptized?** (To do what was right)
- **What symbol showed that God was pleased with Jesus and His choice to be baptised?** (God's Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove)
- **What did God say when Jesus was baptised?** (This is my son, with whom I am well pleased)
- **What did John learn from this event? What did he learn about God?**



1. print out the templates of the baptism scene. The children can colour in the sky and clouds, and also the attachment cut out is water.
2. You can stick Jesus and John onto the picture
3. Before putting the water over them by cutting out the sides.
4. It's a good idea to have colouring pens, crayons, scissors and you may want to prepare these before the kids come in.



## MEMORY

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## VERSE

**Psalm 51:10**

# memory verse take home cu

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# ways to introduce

What makes your parents happy?

When you obey your parents or do good things, are they happy?

Think of a time when you made your parents happy.

(Share something from your own life and then allow the children to share.)

In today's bible story, we are going to learn about a time when God was very happy because of something His Son, Jesus, did.

# THE STORY

God sent Jesus to earth to do a very special work with His life. As He grew up, Jesus waited patiently until the right time to begin God's special work. Jesus was the Son of God, but He was also a human being living on this earth. He learned all the things that a human being needs to know. Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth. His mother was Mary, and Mary's husband was Joseph.

Joseph treated Jesus like he was his own son. Joseph was a carpenter, and he taught Jesus how to do carpentry work.

Finally, when Jesus was thirty years old, the time came to do God's special work. Jesus left His hometown of Nazareth to begin His preaching ministry. Jesus first went to the Jordan River, where His cousin, John, was preaching. Jesus knew that John was telling people that they needed to repent of their sins. They needed to have soft hearts towards God. Many people were being baptised.

John the Baptist was baptising people because they were sorry for bad things they had done. John was so surprised when JESUS came to him and wanted to be baptised. How could this be? Jesus had never done bad things. Why should He be baptised? John said to Jesus, "I should not baptise You. You should baptise me instead!"

But Jesus insisted that John baptise Him. He explained to John that obeying God is not just about stopping the bad things in your life.

Obeying God is also about doing what is right. Being baptised was the right thing, and Jesus wanted everyone to know that He chose to do everything right and follow God.

So John took Jesus down into the Jordan River and baptised him. He put Jesus all the way under the water and then pulled Him back up again. John had baptised many people, but this time, something was very different. Something very special happened after Jesus was baptised.

The clouds began to move apart, and the sky opened up. The Holy Spirit came down out of heaven like a beautiful dove and landed on Jesus. The voice of God also came from heaven. God said, "This is my Son and I love Him. I am very pleased with Him."

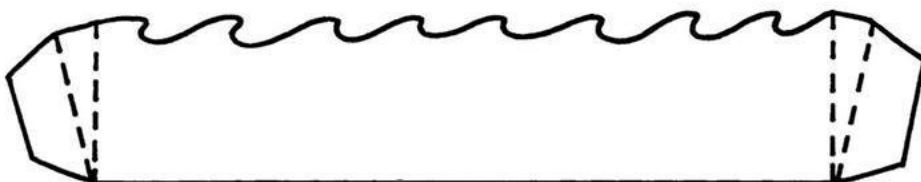
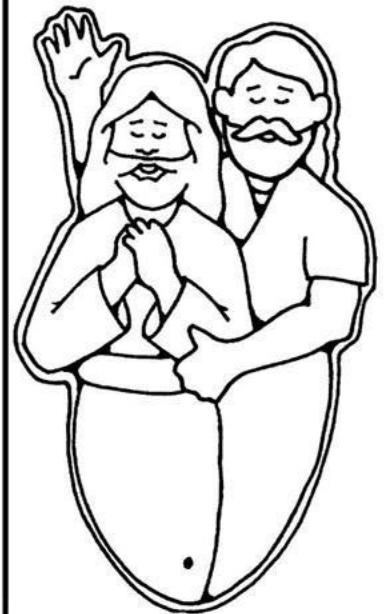
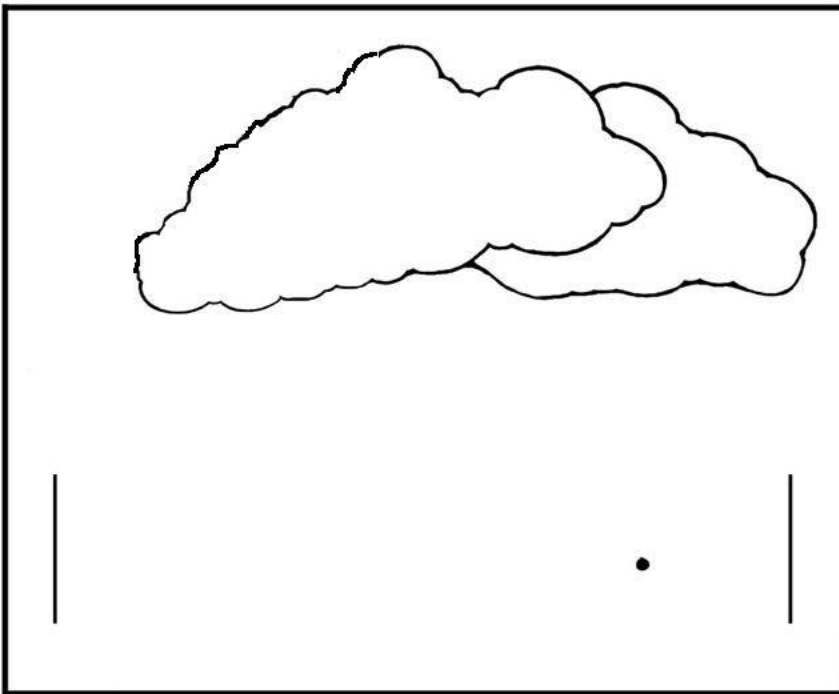
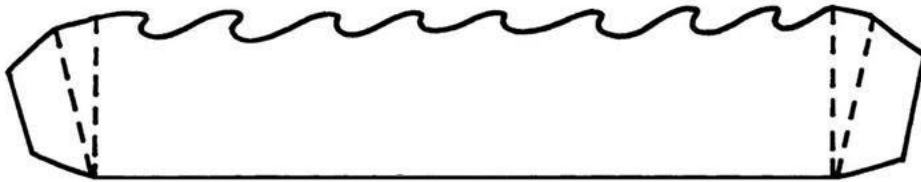
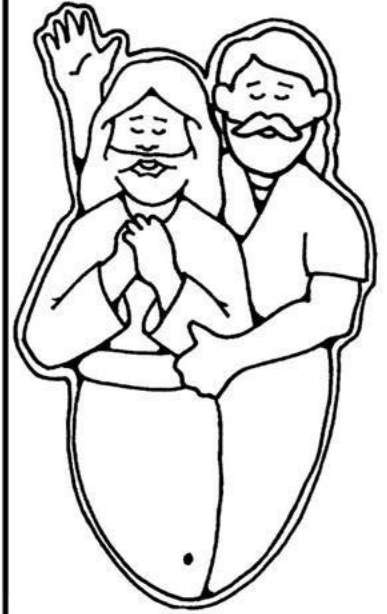
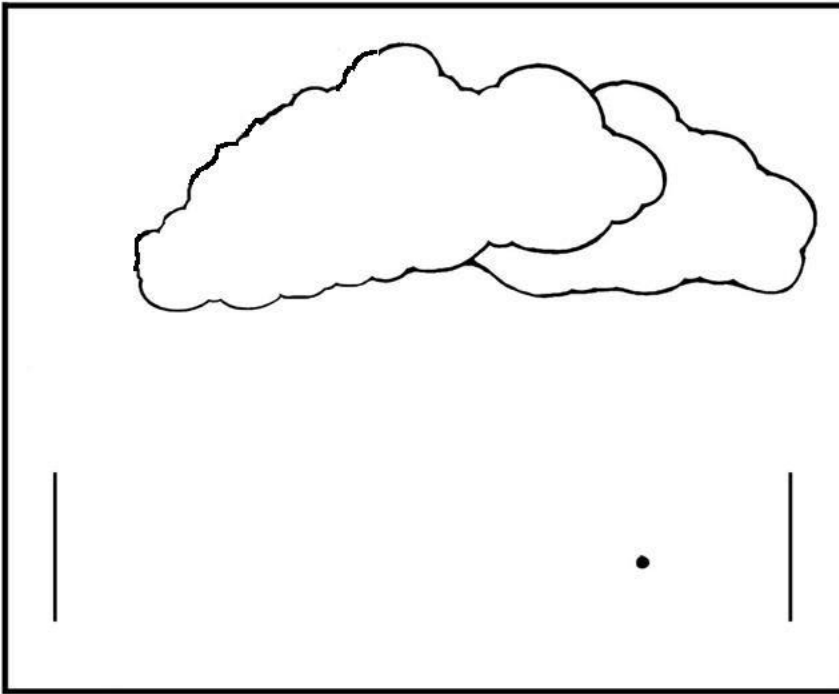
# THE STORY pt 1

Now John knew for sure that Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah, who came to save the world. Jesus was the King of the Jews.

God loved the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to the earth. Jesus made God very happy that day because He chose to do the right thing. Do you choose to do the right thing? What things do you do to make God happy? (Let children answer.)

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# cut outs

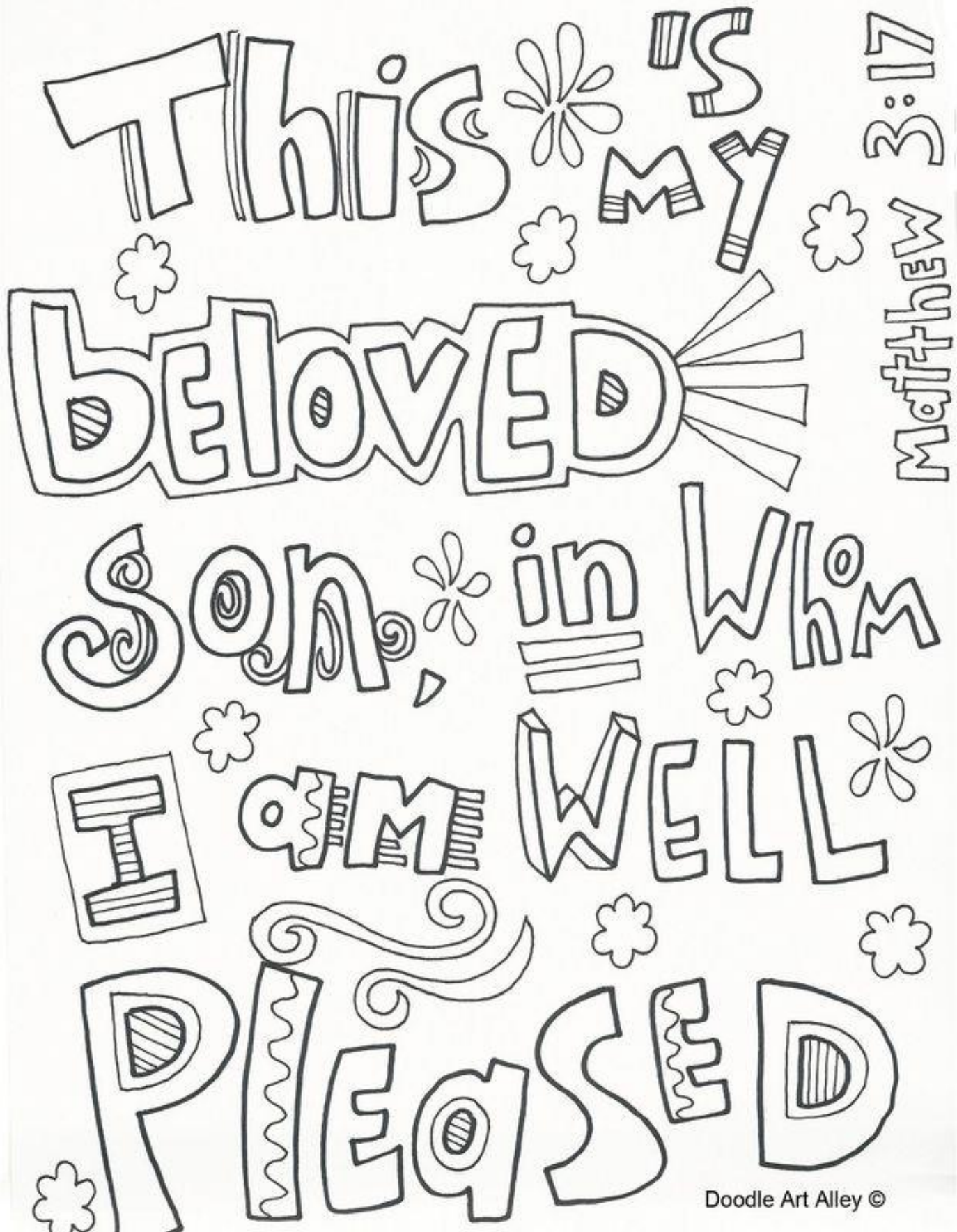


# colouring in





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