



Preschool Lesson



What Is Water Baptism?



Whatchagaddaknow:

"Baptism Is A Picture Of What God's Done In Me!"



Power Verse:

"...Repent and be baptized, every one of you..."

- Acts 2:38

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God's direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story - This week, the kids will learn the story of Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan River (Mark 1:4-11).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 6-9)
Hands-On Learning – The kids will learn what baptism is and why it matters.	Framed picture of a personal memory (<i>like a vacation or an important family moment</i>)	
Craft Option # 1 - Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #2 - Water Drop Craft	Watercolor paints, Paint brushes, Cups of water, Card stock	Water Drop Craft Print Pieces (pg. 11)
Craft Option #3 - Kid Baptism Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Kid Baptism Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 12)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 6-9)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

Say- The Bible tells us about a man called “John the Baptist.” Do you know why they called him “John the Baptist”?

-Allow time for the kids to respond-

Say- John baptized people in water to show that God had changed their lives. John was preaching and telling everyone about Jesus. (show pic)

Say- One day, while John was baptizing people in the Jordan River, Jesus showed up on the riverbank. John looked up and realized THIS was the Son of God.

Say- Everyone looked and saw Jesus standing there. Suddenly, Jesus walked out into the water and asked John to baptize Him. (show pic)

Say- John looked at Jesus and said, “I am the one who needs to be baptized by YOU!” Jesus said, “No. I must be baptized so that I can do all that God requires.” (show pic)

Say- So, right then and there, John baptized Jesus!

Say- Just after Jesus was baptized in water, the Holy Spirit came down from Heaven in the form of a dove and flew right above Jesus. (show pic)

Say- Suddenly, a voice from Heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings Me great joy.” God, the Father, was speaking from Heaven!

Say- God said that Jesus was His Son, the One who would take away the sins of the world!

Say- Jesus was baptized as an example for us to follow. Baptism is an important part of every Christian’s life!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: *Framed picture of a personal memory (like a vacation or an important family moment)*

Teacher Instruction: *Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.*

Say- I brought something very special to show you. This is one of my favorite pictures. *(show the picture and talk about the memory; hold the picture as you continue teaching)*

Say- I love this picture because it reminds me of this amazing moment in my life. When I look at this picture, I know what we did. I remember what we saw, what we felt, and what happened.

Say- Now that you see the picture, you know about this moment in my life, too! This picture shows you something that happened in my life.

Say- Did you know that baptism is a picture of what God has done in your life? It's true!

Say- When you are baptized in water, it shows everyone that you've made the decision to follow Jesus.

Say- People see your baptism and know that Jesus lives in your heart, He has forgiven your sins, and that you are His child! How awesome.

Say- Baptism isn't like taking a bath, going swimming, or playing in a sprinkler. Baptism is very important!

Say- Christians are baptized so that they obey God and follow the example of Jesus. He was baptized, so we are baptized!

Say- When Jesus was baptized, He went under the waters of the Jordan River and came back up. When you are baptized, you go under water and come back up!

Say- Say this with me - “Go under and come back up!” *(say the phrase along with the kids)*

Say- Baptism in water is just that easy! Your church family will be there to cheer and celebrate. It's a wonderful time.

Say- When you are baptized, everyone will see that God has done something amazing in your life!

Ask- Have you ever seen someone get baptized?

-Allow time for the kids to respond-

Say- That's great! You saw a picture of what God has done in their life.

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Hands-On Learning

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Say- Baptism is a picture of what God's done in me! Say that with me - “Baptism is a picture of what God's done in me!” *(say the phrase along with the kids)*

Pray



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: Water Drop Craft

Supplies Needed: Water Drop Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Watercolor paints; Paint brushes; Cups of water; Card stock

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Water Drop Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. This will work best if printed on card stock. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow each kid to decorate one Water Drop Craft using watercolor paints and supplies. As they do the craft, talk about how baptism is a picture of what God has done in our lives!



Craft #3: Kid Baptism Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Kid Baptism Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 12); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Kid Baptism Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

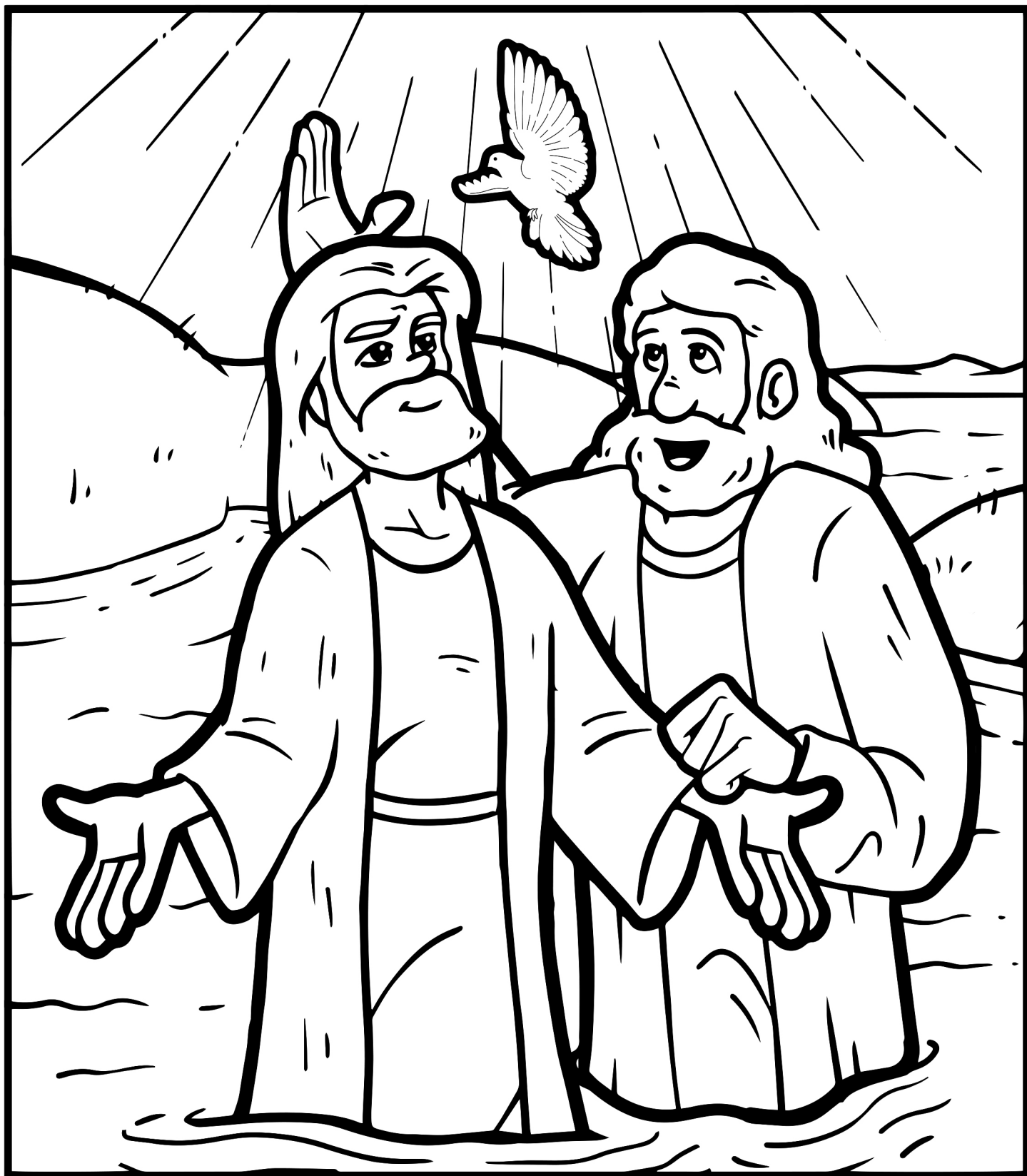
How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



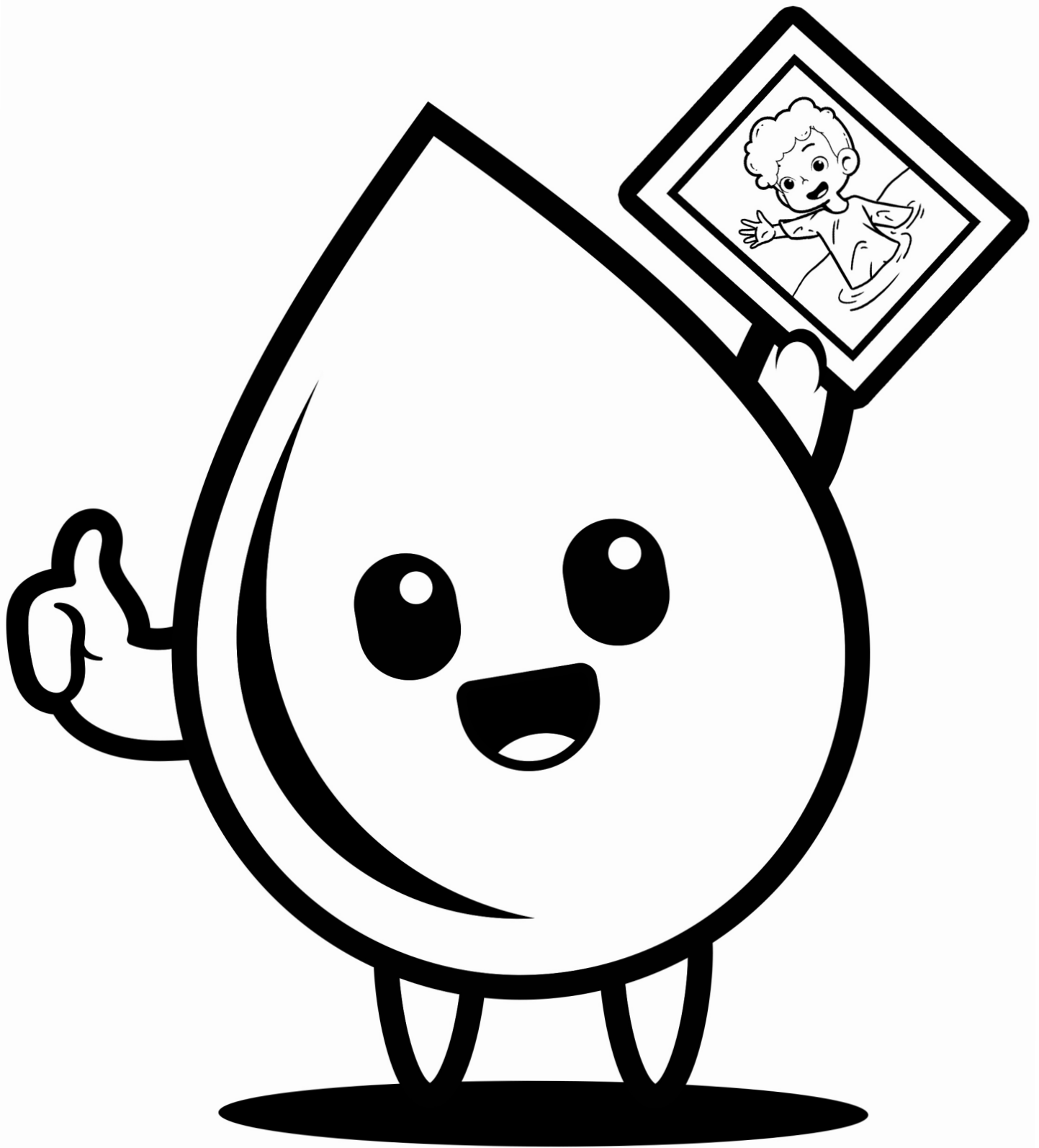








**EVERYONE AT JESUS' BAPTISM EXPERIENCED
ALL THREE PARTS OF GOD - THE FATHER, THE SON,
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. IT MUST HAVE BEEN AMAZING!**



**WATER BAPTISM IS A PICTURE OF
WHAT GOD'S DONE FOR ME!**



**I WILL FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS
AND BE BAPTIZED IN WATER!**