



Kaleidoscope Kronikles

a publication that helps families stay connected to the happenings
in Sunday School

Jesus' Baptism and Temptation

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Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-34 (see also Luke 1)

Memory Verses: Children should work to memorize these verses

"He himself suffered when he was tempted. Now he is able to help others who are being tempted." Hebrews 2:18

A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

Matthew 3:17

Main Idea: Even as baptized Christians, we WILL be tempted into sin but with the help of the Lord, we can and must resist.

Objectives

- By the end of the rotation children will know that:
- Jesus was baptized by John, his cousin
- John prepared people's hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord
- Jesus was tempted into sin but He DID NOT give in to temptation
- Students will consider ways that they can fight against temptation
- Students will know that with the Lord's help, they CAN resist temptation and stay away from sin.



[following story adapted from Sunday School
Sources: "John the Baptist"
<http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children/lessons/john.htm> © 2000-2003 by kddailey@aol.com]

Zacharias and Elizabeth were a Jewish couple who pleased God. Zacharias was a priest in the Temple. One day, while he was serving in the Temple, an angel appeared to him. He was scared, but the angel said, "Don't be afraid, your prayer is answered. Your wife will bear a son, whom you will name John.

Zacharias asked how he could be sure this would happen, for he and his wife were older. The angel said, "I am Gabriel, and to prove what I say is true, you will not be able to speak 'til the child is born." When Zacharias came out of the Temple, the people were astonished. Even though he could not tell them what happened, it was obvious he had had a vision. Sure enough, soon Elizabeth was with child.

Now Elizabeth was the cousin of Mary, who was also with child with Jesus at the time. Mary came to visit Elizabeth, and when she did, John leapt in her womb and Elizabeth prophesied.

When he was older, John began to preach to the Jews. He did not live in cities, but in the wilderness, eating locusts and honey, wearing skins, and teaching repentance. He taught that the Jews had to turn away from their sins and wash themselves clean through Baptism for the Messiah was coming. He was preparing the way for the Lord, his cousin, Jesus.

John baptized his repentant listeners in the River Jordan. One day, Jesus came to him to be baptized. When John baptized Jesus, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and settled on Jesus. God spoke, which gives us our memory verse for this Rotation: "And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved son, and I am fully pleased with him.'" Matthew 3:17 (NLT)

Family Time with God:

[adapted from Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian, Cary, NC:
Faith Quest Flyer: "Redemption"
<http://www.kirkofkildaire.org/quest/faithquestflyers/RedemptionFlyer.htm>

Read: John 1:1-18, 26-34

Reflection: Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus is called the "Word" in this scripture passage. This passage tells us that Jesus was with God before the beginning and together they created everything and gave life to everyone.

Who is Jesus Christ? John the Baptist announces Jesus' coming and that Jesus will take away our sins if we have Jesus in our hearts and ask for forgiveness and try to live the way God wants. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus is the Son of God — the Word (God) become flesh (man) and lived on earth.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for sending us John so that we may know how we should act and how we should prepare our hearts for Your Son. Help us to believe and accept Your Son so that we can become reborn as Your children. Amen.

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Temptations

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