

THE PERSON AND LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Lesson Five

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Scripture reading: Matt. 3:13-17

Burden to Impart:

God sent John the Baptist to ordain baptism and Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. Although John preached a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins (Luke 3:3), Jesus had no need to be baptized for sins, because he had no sin. But He still needed to be baptized to fulfill the requirement of God. This shows that Jesus was righteous by living, walking, and doing things in the way God ordained (Matt. 3:15, note 151).

Memory Verse: "And behold a voice out of the heavens saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I delight" (Matthew 3:17).

Facts to Teach:

1. John the baptizer came preaching to the people, telling them to repent of their sins, to turn back to the Lord their God, and to be baptized.
2. In order to show their real repentance for their sins the people needed to be baptized in the dirty, muddy waters of the Jordan River. This was a public declaration of their repentance.
3. Before Jesus began His public ministry and service to God, He came to be baptized by John. John hesitated to baptize Jesus because he knew that Jesus was holy and without sin. Jesus was not being baptized because of repentance, but "to fulfill all righteousness." He would be baptized in order to be right with God according to the way He had established for all men. The Lord Jesus did not make Himself an exception. He followed God's way.
4. John pointed the people to Jesus, to their Savior. He was the only One who could wash away their sins and save them.
5. When Jesus was baptized God showed how very pleased He was by giving the following signs:
 - a. The heavens were opened to Jesus.
 - b. The Spirit descended upon Him as a dove and remained upon Him to empower Him for his earthly ministry.
 - c. The Father spoke from the heavens and said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I delight."

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Songs for Lesson Five

HIS BAPTISM

Matthew 3:13, 16-17; tune: "I've Been Redeemed."

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Then Jesus came (Then Jesus came)
From Galilee (From Galilee)
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Then Jesus came (Then Jesus came)
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From Galilee (From Galilee)
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Then Jesus came from Galilee
D
To the Jordan unto John,
A D
Jesus came to John to be baptized by him.

The heavens were opened (The heavens were opened)
Were opened to Him (Were opened to Him)
The heavens were opened (The heavens were opened)
Were opened to Him (Were opened to Him)
The heavens were opened up to Him,
And He saw the Spirit of God
Descending as a dove to empower Him.

And behold, a voice (And behold, a voice)
Out of the heavens (Out of the heavens)
And behold, a voice (And behold, a voice)
Out of the heavens (Out of the heavens)
And behold, a voice out of the heavens
Said, "This is My beloved Son,
This is My beloved Son in Whom I delight."

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Character Lesson Five

EXACT

Definition:

An exact person is one who is not sloppy in words (talking) or deeds (working) and is accurate.

Examples and/or Questions to Ask the Children:

1. Let the children count 20 pennies and see how many different numbers they come up with. (This is good for very young children.)
2. Add up 5 simple numbers, for example, $0+1+0+2+3=$, and see who gets the exact answer. (For children who are just learning to add.)
3. Play the telephone game "Gossip."
4. The archer can only hit the bull's eye by being accurate (exact) in aiming and shooting at the target.
5. When the Lord Jesus lived on the earth, He did things exactly according to the Father's way.

Verse:

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

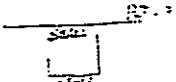
Story: The story of an engineer who is unaware that he built the bridge 5" (inches) or 5' (feet) too long or short according to the blueprints.

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{array}{r} 6 \\ +2 \\ \hline 7 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 4 \\ +2 \\ \hline 5 \end{array} \quad \text{both are not accurate}$$

Song:

(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

I'm a child who arrives on the dot,
Oh yes, I am.
I'm a child who arrives on the dot,
Oh yes, I am.
When I come at ten o'clock,
I just love to sing a lot.
I'm a child who arrives on the dot,
Oh yes, I am.

$\textcircled{2}$ must surely be in front of SEARS which is front 

$\textcircled{3}$ Robin Rich hit targets accurately and won the contest

Craft: Make cookies, cake, etc. with two recipes

1. One recipe will have one main ingredient missing, e.g. eggs, salt. The other recipe will be made accurately. It will be necessary to have the ingredients for both recipes all measured out and ready to pour into the mixing bowls.
 2. Begin with making the two recipes and give the lesson while they are baking.
 3. Let the children taste the one that was inaccurately made first. Be sure to stress that it was not the group's fault it tastes so bad, but the recipe was inaccurate and not exact. However, many times we do not do things in a very exact way and we could cause such results by not doing them exactly.
 4. Let the children taste the recipe that was accurately made so they can taste the difference.
- [Materials needed - ingredients for the cookie or cake recipe]