

BIBLE BOOKS:

The church once used symbols or pictures to remember the Gospel writers and how they presented Jesus. Mark's Gospel was pictured as a Lion with wings. Not only is this super-cool, but Mark's Gospel shows us that Jesus was the mighty king. Mark's Gospel is action-packed and fast-paced. It is the shortest of the 4 Gospels, but was the first one to be written. It is likely that the disciple Peter was the one passed on the stories to Mark, who wrote them down.



MARK

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Talk to your kids about the main themes introduced in this week's Bible story.

- Talk to your kids about Baptism
 - Why do people get baptized?
 - What happens when a person is baptized?
 - Who should be baptized?
 - When should I get baptized?

For more information on baptism and children, grab a *Child Baptism and Communion Brochure* from the kids help desk or welcome center. Or to this link to view on our website. <http://central365.org/resources/blog/family-resource-baptism-communion-your-kids/>

CATECHISM latin for "INSTRUCTION"

Catechism is basically Q&A. Help your child memorize both the question and the correct answer below. Read the supporting scriptures to see how God's Word supports each truth... Kids in Grades 1-6 may present this to their Central Kids Leader for 2 Bible Bucks.

Q#1 – What is baptism? Immersing believers in water in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 8:36)

Q#2 – God exists forever as how many persons? Three. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 13:14)

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WEEKLY JOKE

Why do bees hum? Because they don't know the words

FAMILY FIELD GUIDE

Jesus Was Baptized
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:1-11;
Luke 3:21-22; John 1:19-34

GRADES 1 - 6

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE?

Field Guides are a tool to help families dig into God's truth during the week through Bible reading, Catechism, Memory Work and Family Discussion starters. We encourage you to use this guide whatever way works best for your family. Whether that is beginning a Gospel-conversation in the car, leading family worship in the living room or for guiding bedtime devotions, the most important thing is to keep your eyes fixed on Christ throughout the week (rather than merely going through the motions and checking all the boxes). Therefore, we hope this guide is a servant and not a master for advancing a biblical education and knowing God better. May it bless your family as you feed on God's word together!

WEEKLY RECAP

Bible Passage: Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1: 1-11

Bible Story: Jesus was Baptized

This week, kids learned about Jesus Baptism. John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, called the people of Israel to repent of their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River. John also instructed the people on right living. (Some of the people suspected that John might be the Messiah, but John insisted, "One is coming who is more powerful than I" (Luke 3:16). Jesus told John that He wanted to be baptized. Jesus said, "Allow Me to be baptized. God says this is right." So John agreed, and he baptized Jesus. Jesus immediately came up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens opened for Jesus, and He saw the Holy Spirit coming down on Him. The Spirit was like a dove. And a voice came from heaven. "This is My Son," the voice said. "I love Him, and I am very pleased with Him!" Jesus never sinned, but He obeyed God and was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. It reminds us that when we trust in Jesus, we turn from sin and start a new life—a life lived for Jesus.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Each month your children receive a new memory verse to practice. Kids will also receive a special memory challenge and are given three months to memorize for a special reward at the end of March.

Memory Verse (April): **Mark 1:15**

Memory Challenge (April - June): **The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)**

Sign the bottom if your kids know the memory verse by heart. Pre-school kids will receive a prize in their class. Kids in Grades 1-6 can submit this to their Central Kids Leader for 2 Bible Bucks.

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DAILY BIBLE READING

Once kids complete all 5 readings, sign the bottom and have them present this to their Central Kids leader to receive 1 Bible Buck for each day of reading. Only kids in Grades 1- 6 must fill in the blanks. All answers are from the CSB translation.

MONDAY - Read 2 Kings 2:4 -14 – OLD TESTAMENT WHISPER
Old Testament stories often prefigure Jesus life. Many years before John and Jesus were at the Jordan River, the prophets Elijah and Elisha had a similar experience. What other things are similar about these two stories and characters:

Both stories happened at Jordan River Elijah and John were similar prophets

Both times the water split in two Both stories had the heavens opened

Elisha and Jesus both healed people John and Elijah gave their cloaks away

TUESDAY – Read Luke 3:1-2 – JOHN THE BAPTIST

Name some of the people who lived at the same time as John.

Tiberias _____ Pontius _____ Herod the _____

Who did God decide to speak to and make his prophet?

"The _____ of the Lord came to _____ son of Zechariah."

Why do you think God choose to use unlikely people to do his work? _____

WEDNESDAY – Read Matt 3:1-12 – JOHN PREACHES

Draw a Picture of John the Baptist in the wilderness.

THURSDAY – Read Matt 3:13-17 – JESUS AND JOHN

What did two things did John think he was unworthy to do for Jesus?

1) _____

2) _____

How can you have this humble attitude of worship toward Jesus? _____

FRIDAY – Read Mark 1:4-11 – JESUS BAPTIZED

What did God the Father say about his son Jesus?

"This is my _____ son. With you I am well _____."

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