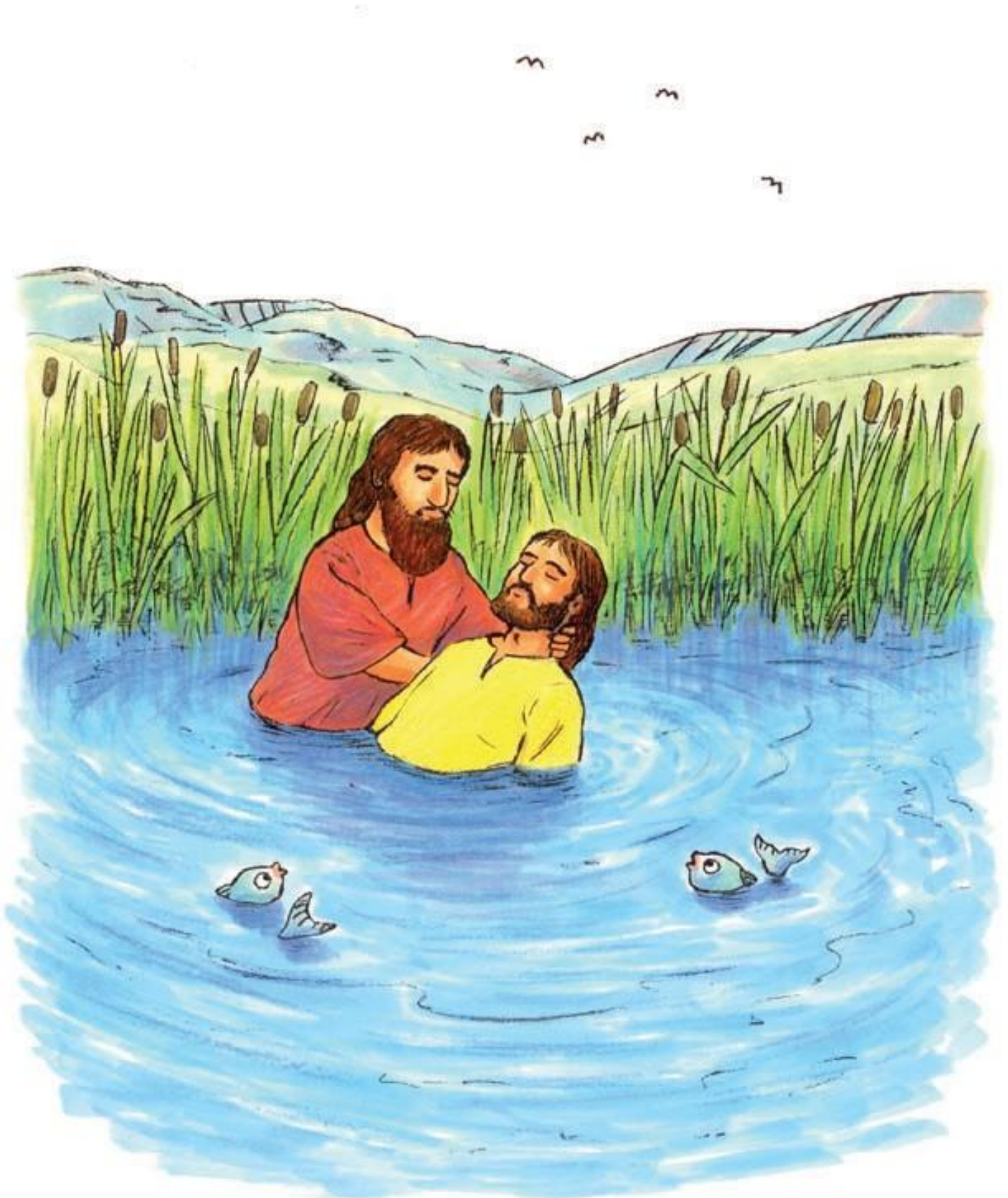


# JESUS IS BAPTISED

Matthew 3:13-17



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## Jesus is Baptised



One day, Jesus travelled from Galilee to visit John. Jesus wanted John to baptise Him, but John did not want to do it.

Jesus was the Messiah John had spoken about to the people. John said, “How can I baptise You?”

You should be baptising me. Why have You come to me?”

Jesus answered, “Do it. This is how it has to be. This is the will of God.” So John baptised Jesus, as He had asked.

After Jesus was baptised, He walked out of the water. The heaven opened and God’s Spirit came down like a dove. A voice spoke from the heaven, and said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the Baptism of Jesus in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, a bowl with water to baptize.

A hidden child speaks the voice from heaven, "This is My beloved Son..."

#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What happens when Jesus meets John at the River Jordan?  
(Jesus impresses John. Jesus wants to be baptised by John.)
- Why does Jesus want John to baptise Him?  
(Jesus is the Son of God and does not need to be baptised.  
However, he demonstrates that baptism is the beginning of the way back to God.)
- What happens when John the Baptist baptizes Jesus with water?  
(God Himself baptises His Son with the Holy Spirit. He acknowledges His Son.)

Have the children repeat...

- When John baptised Jesus God's Spirit came down like a dove.
- God acknowledged His Son and said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
- Jesus is an example in doing the will of God.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Ask the children why and how Jesus is our spiritual example.
- We have received the Holy Spirit, too.
- Through Holy Sealing we have become children of God.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Repeat the Message</b> <b>God introduces His Son by John the Baptist.</b></p>
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