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Lesson 14:

John the Baptist

Today's Story

Our story today takes place at the Jordan River where we meet John the Baptist. John the Baptist was a prophet. He was God's messenger, sent to tell the people to repent, turn away from their sins and to follow God's ways. John was sent to tell the Israelites to repent and follow the Forever King. Many people came to listen to John preach. They wanted to follow God and be baptized.

One day, something very special happened at the Jordan River. Jesus came and told John to baptize him. Even though Jesus had NEVER done anything wrong and was without sin, he wanted to be baptized because he was going to take **our** sin upon himself on the cross. He wanted to do everything perfectly, to fulfill all righteousness, in obedience to God the Father.

When John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven like a dove and God the Father's voice from Heaven said, "This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased." In Jesus' baptism we see the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Today, when people are baptized, it is because they want to follow Jesus and have their sins taken away. In baptism, God joins us to himself and the church in a special way and makes us alive in Jesus. Our sins are washed away, and we receive new life in Jesus.

Bible Memory Verse:

"Long ago Isaiah the prophet wrote, 'I will send my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare your way.'"

Mark 1:2 NIRV

My Art Response:

