



Bible in the Week

A weekly resource for
3-11s to engage with the
Bible at home

Who Are We?

My name is Shona Hunter-Singh and I am currently the Children's and Family Worker at Gold Hill Baptist Church in Chalfont St Peter.

In a typical week we love to connect with children and families from our village and beyond. Due to the worlds current situations, meeting in person has had to stop for the time being. However, this doesn't mean that we don't want to continue connecting with our community.

Over the next season we will be uploading different resources to our website for 0-11s and families at:

goldhill.org/kidszone

Here you will also find a weekly plan for the different things we will be uploading or doing virtually that you would be more than welcome to join.

You are also able to contact myself directly at

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How it Works

Every Wednesday we will post up a small pack that we pray will help you in engaging with the Bible at home, especially during times such as these.

Each pack will include:

Bible Passage:

This will include the passage that the rest of the pack will be looking at as well as some other ways of presenting and sharing stories from the Bible with children.

Age Appropriate Study/Reflections:

This will provide some resource to help children engage with the passage they have read previously. It will vary each week and include different activities and questions appropriate to their ages. With the younger age groups adults will need to help them with explaining the activities.

Prayer Time:

A written prayer or prayer activity to do as a family or encourage your children to do it themselves.

Extra Bits:

At the back there will be a colouring sheet and one extra activity such as a word search.

Take Some Time Together:

We would love to encourage you to take this opportunity to spend time together around the Bible. You may find that what is in this pack leads you onto another conversation.

Bible Story

Matthew 3:13-17 New Century Version (NCV) Jesus Is Baptized by John

¹³ At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River and wanted John to baptize him. ¹⁴ But John tried to stop him, saying, “Why do you come to me to be baptized? I need to be baptized by you!”

¹⁵ Jesus answered, “Let it be this way for now. We should do all things that are God’s will.” So John agreed to baptize Jesus.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven opened, and he saw God’s Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with him.”

Other ways to share the story:

Saddleback Kids Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VMNO2MAmwA

Saddleback Toddlers Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYSHdpJ7loU>

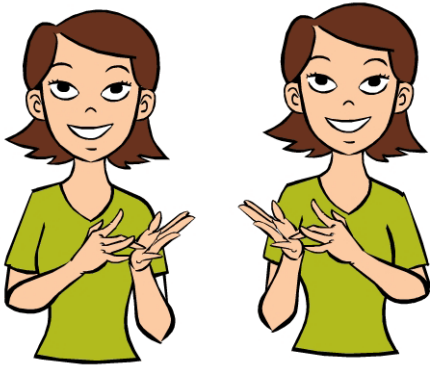
3-4s

Activity:

Jesus was baptised by John in a river.

Fill up your bath, a basin, a washing up bowl (or something else!) with water. Find 3 objects, which one makes the biggest splash?!

Can you learn the sign language for "Jesus" and "God"?



J E S U S



G O D

Read the story about Jesus' baptism but this time try and remember the sign language.

John baptised Jesus.

Who is Jesus?



is the son of

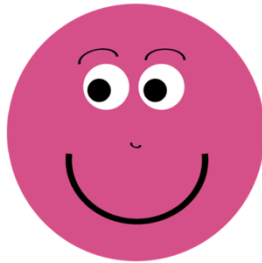


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Question:

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would it be and why?



Read the story again.

How do you think John felt when he baptised Jesus?

How would you feel if you were there when Jesus was baptised?

Choose one face to describe the baptism of Jesus. Was it a sad time or an exciting time?



Question:

Why do you think that John thought that Jesus should baptise him rather than the other way around?

Activity:

In our Bible passage it says that when Jesus was baptised that the Holy Spirit fell on him like a dove.

On a piece of white paper draw around your hand and cut it out. On the thumb draw a little dot for an eye and a orange beak

If you have a piece of coloured paper, stick it on the top. Around your dove write: Matthew 3:13-17 to remind you where in the Bible you can find this story.

Make a Note:

Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking at lots of different stories about when people met Jesus. Maybe you could make a book of lots of different pictures reminding you of these!

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Did You Know?

John the Baptist prepared a way for Jesus. He told people that they needed to change their lives so that they were ready for when Jesus came. (You can read about this in Matthew 3:1-13)

Activity:

On a piece of paper make a fact sheet about John.

Use these passages to help you:

Matthew 3

Luke 1:13-17

Make sure you include a picture of what you think he might have looked like!



Question:

- Why do you think John didn't want to baptise Jesus?
- Why did it feel strange to him?
- How do you think John recognised Jesus?
- How do you think John felt when he saw Jesus?



Activity:

John the Baptist recognised Jesus before He went and did some amazing things. Later, when he doubted Jesus he saw him doing some amazing things and his faith was restored.

Make a promise and praise board.

Divide a piece of paper in half (or a bigger board if you have one!)

On one side write **Promises** – Under this draw or write words that remind you of all the promises Jesus has made.

On the other write **Praise** – Under this draw or write things to remind you of the times where you have realised that Jesus is doing something in your life. If you can't think of any write/draw miracles and stories from the Bible that you can remember.

Prayer Time

Prayer Jar

Find an empty jar in your house. Decorate it whichever way you want to. Make sure you label it as your prayer jar! As a family write down different things you could pray for and add it to the jar.

John the Baptist made a way for Jesus. Maybe you could write down the names of people that you would like to see come to know Jesus.

At one point, every day, come together and pray for something. You can top up your prayer jar as the week goes on.

Be Still

Take some time to be still together and pray your own prayers to God. This could be for 5 minutes or longer! Sometimes, lighting a candle helps create a space to stop, pause, speak and listen to God.

Dear God,

Thank you that I can spend time learning about you.

Thank you that you are not just someone in a book, but that you are real.

Thank you that you are with me all the time.

I pray that I remember the story of when Jesus was baptised. Just like John, may I point people towards you.

Amen

Jesus is Baptized by John

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