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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 20

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UNIT 20: JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS

Session 1: John's Ministry Began Matthew 3



Sunday, April 12

Is Jesus God or
a human?

Jesus is fully God and fully human.

Memory Verse: John 1:14

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Monday,
April 13

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ For the past month we have been learning about Jesus as a baby and a child. We will now move ahead to when Jesus was an adult. But first we must learn about His cousin, John.
- ▶ In February, we read about the birth of John the Baptist, son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. An angel came and told Zechariah that he would have a son who would prepare the way for the Lord.
- ▶ Today, we are going to go all the way back to the Old Testament to see when Isaiah told God's people about John the Baptist.



Read Isaiah 40:3

- ▶ Where was the voice calling from?

- ▶ Who were the people to prepare for?

- ▶ Do you think Isaiah meant that people were supposed to make a path in the dirt for the Lord? Or a path in their heart for the Lord?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about Jesus' cousin John. Yesterday, we read from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah who told the people about John's coming.
- ▶ Today, we will read from Matthew where he quotes Isaiah and tells us that it is about John the Baptist.



Read Matthew 3:1-3

- ▶ Where did John the Baptist preach?

- ▶ What did John the Baptist tell the people to do?

- ▶ What is repentance?

Wednesday,
April 15

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that John the Baptist came and did exactly what the prophet Isaiah said he would do. He preached in the desert and told people to repent and get ready for the kingdom of heaven (which was Jesus!)



Read Matthew 3:4-6

- ▶ What were John's clothes made of?

- ▶ What did John eat?

- ▶ What did people do when they met John and heard him preach?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that John was baptizing people in the Jordan River. The Jordan River is a significant place in the history of God's people. When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, they came to the edge of the Jordan River, which they needed to cross to enter the Promised Land. God made a way for His people to cross into the Promised Land by parting the waters of the river. This same river is where John was calling people to repent and be baptized.



Read Matthew 3:7-10

- ▶ This is a confusing passage! Who came to where John was baptizing? What did John call them?

- ▶ The Pharisees and Sadducees were religious leaders who thought they were perfect, but they only followed the parts of God's law that they wanted to follow.

What did John tell them to do in verse 8?

- ▶ Deep thinking question: What does it mean to "produce fruit?"

Friday,
April 17

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ In yesterday's passage, John was telling the religious leaders that they were just like any other person and needed to turn away from their sin. This is called repentance. Even though they were religious leaders they were still sinners who needed to repent.



Read Matthew 3:11-12

- ▶ Who did John say was coming after him?

- ▶ John baptized people with water. What would Jesus baptize with?

- ▶ If we confess that we are sinners, repent of our sins, and believe in His death and resurrection in our place, we will be saved and receive the Holy Spirit! Have you done these things?

John the Baptist Word Search | Find each word from the word bank. What part of the story does each word remind you of?

John the Baptist

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WORD BANK

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UNIT 20: JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS

Session 2: John Baptized Jesus (Matt 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1)



Sunday, April 19

Is Jesus God or
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Memory Verse: John 1:14

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Before you read...

- ▶ This week we will read about when Jesus was baptized. This was one of the first examples of how Jesus obeyed God as an adult.
- ▶ The first four books of the New Testament are called the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell details of Jesus' life on earth. Matthew and John were Jesus' disciples. Mark and Luke were friends of Jesus' disciples.
- ▶ Each of these four men tell about Jesus' baptism. We are going to read from one Gospel each day. Today, we will read from Matthew, who wrote a lot about what Jesus said while He was on earth.



Read Matthew 3:13-17

- ▶ Who was Jesus baptized by?

- ▶ In verse 15, why did Jesus say He needed to be baptized?

- ▶ What happened after Jesus was baptized?

Tuesday,
April 21

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ The account of Jesus' baptism is written in all four Gospels in the Bible. This is one of the ways we know the Bible is true, because different people saw the event and wrote about it.
- ▶ Today, we will read from Mark, who wrote a lot about what Jesus did while He was on earth.



Read Mark 1:9-11

- ▶ What body of water was Jesus baptized in?

- ▶ What animal descended on Jesus?

- ▶ Who is the voice from heaven?



Before you read...

- ▶ So far, we have read half of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism.
- ▶ Today, we will read from Luke, who wrote a lot about how Jesus felt while He was on earth.



Read Luke 3:21-22

- ▶ Was Jesus by himself when he was baptized?
Or were people watching?

- ▶ Luke gives us a new detail. What does he say Jesus was doing when heaven opened?

- ▶ How does God feel about His Son?

Thursday,
April 23

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ We have one more Gospel account of Jesus' baptism to read.
- ▶ Today, we will read from John. This is not John the Baptist, but Jesus' disciple, John. He wrote a lot about who Jesus was.



Read John 1:29-34

- ▶ How does John describe Jesus in verse 29?

- ▶ Why was John baptizing people before he baptized Jesus? (verse 31)

- ▶ Who does John say Jesus is in verse 34?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we have read from all four Gospels about Jesus' baptism. Today, we are going to look back at those four passages and answer a couple more questions.



Review: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22, John 1:29-34

- ▶ All four Gospels mention the same people. Who are they?

- ▶ Which Gospel account of Jesus' baptism was your favorite?

- ▶ There were other people watching when Jesus was baptized. How do you think they reacted when they saw the Spirit descend on Jesus as a dove?

- ▶ Have you been baptized? Our next baptism at New Covenant is coming this summer. Talk to your parents about being baptized!

John Baptized Jesus | Color the image of today's Bible story.



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Who Was There? | Unscramble the names to discover who was at Jesus' baptism.

UNIT 20: JESUS' MINISTRY BEGINS

Session 3: Jesus Was Tempted Matthew 4, Luke 4



Sunday, April 26

Is Jesus God or
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Memory Verse: John 1:14

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Monday,
April 27

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week we read all about Jesus' baptism.
- ▶ Right after Jesus was baptized, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.



Read Matthew 4:1-4 and Deuteronomy 8:3

- ▶ How long did Jesus go without food in the wilderness?
Extra Credit: Do you know any other Bible events that have that number? (Hint: Noah, Moses, Elijah)

- ▶ What did Jesus say man lives on?

- ▶ Jesus is quoting exact words from Deuteronomy. What do you think Jesus' quote means?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we began reading about when Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness.
- ▶ Jesus did not do what the devil told Him, but responded with Scripture from the book of Deuteronomy.



Read Matthew 4:5-7 and Psalm 91:11-12

- ▶ What did the devil want Jesus to do?

- ▶ How did Jesus respond to the devil?

- ▶ The devil also quoted Scripture from the book of Psalms. And it is true that God could use His angels to protect Jesus. The devil is tricky. Why do you think Jesus said He would not put God to the test? (This is a hard question!)

Wednesday,
April 29

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ We have read about two ways the devil tried to tempt Jesus. The devil really wanted Jesus to sin.
- ▶ Today, we will read about one more way the devil tempted Jesus.



Read Matthew 4:8-11

- ▶ What did the devil want Jesus to do in verse 9?

- ▶ How did Jesus respond?

- ▶ Jesus' response sounds a lot like the first commandment. Do you remember what God's number 1 rule is? (Hint: Deuteronomy 5:7)



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we have read about three different times the devil tempted Jesus. He tempted Him with food, attention, and power. But Jesus never gave in. He did not sin.
- ▶ Instead, Jesus quoted Scripture from the book of Deuteronomy. Today, we will read the final two verses that Jesus quoted.



Read Deuteronomy 6:13-17

- ▶ How does verse 15 describe God?

- ▶ God does not want us to love anyone or anything more than Him. What is something you are tempted to love more than God?

- ▶ Jesus was perfect. He never loved something else more than God. That is why He could be the perfect sacrifice on the cross for us. Take a minute to pray and thank Jesus for being our perfect sacrifice. You can write out your prayer, if you want to.

Friday,
May 1

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ We have been reading about the temptation of Jesus from the book of Matthew. Luke also wrote about it. We will read Luke's account today.
- ▶ It is very important to remember that Jesus was tempted, much like we are tempted today. But Jesus did not give in to temptation. He did not sin. We are sinners, but Jesus gave us His righteousness when He was our perfect sacrifice on the cross.



Read Luke 4:1-13

- ▶ One of the reasons Jesus was tempted was for Him to experience human life, just as we do. We all have given in to temptation, but Jesus did not. How does that make you feel about Jesus?

- ▶ Every time the devil tempted Jesus, He responded with Scripture. What verse could you memorize and say when you are tempted?

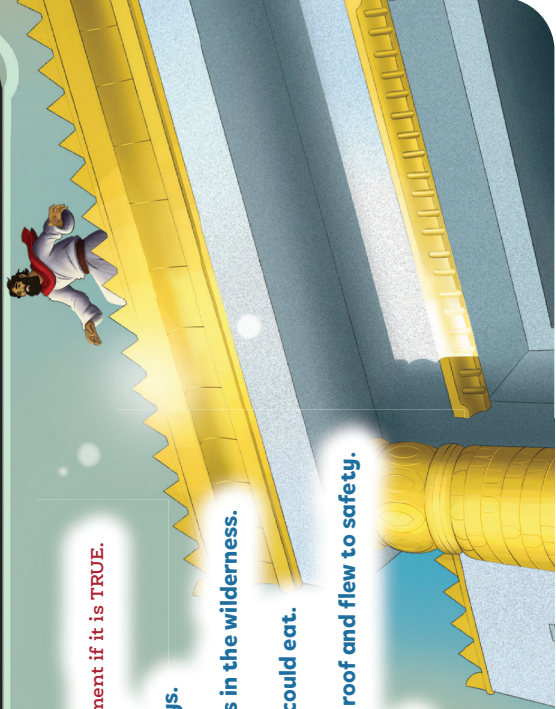
What Happened? | Decode the message to discover today's story point.

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| D = 4 | H = 8 | L = 12 | P = 16 | T = 20 | X = 24 | |

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True or False | Write a T in front of each statement if it is TRUE.
Write an F in front of each statement if it is FALSE.

- _____ Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days.
- _____ Jesus ate bread and fruit while He was in the wilderness.
- _____ Jesus turned stones into bread so He could eat.
- _____ Jesus threw Himself off of the temple roof and flew to safety.
- _____ Angels came and took care of Jesus.



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Session 4: Jesus' First Followers John 1



Sunday, May 3

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Memory Verse: John 1:14

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will learn about when Jesus called some of His disciples to follow Him.
- ▶ A disciple is a follower or student of a teacher or leader.
- ▶ Jesus had many followers, but the Bible very clearly lists 12 men who closely followed Jesus throughout His time on earth. Some of these men wrote the books of the Bible that we are still reading today!



Read John 1:35-39

- ▶ This passage mentions two disciples. Who were they following before they met Jesus?

- ▶ What did these two men ask Jesus in verse 38?

- ▶ This seems like such an interesting question. Why do you think they asked Jesus that question?

Tuesday,
May 5

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about when Jesus called His 12 disciples.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that two men who were followers of John the Baptist decided to follow Jesus.



Read John 1:40-42

- ▶ When Andrew saw Jesus, what was the first thing he did?

- ▶ What did Jesus do when He first saw Simon?

- ▶ Peter is a pretty famous Bible guy. What do you know about Peter?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Andrew, his brother Simon (now Peter) and one more unnamed man began following Jesus.
- ▶ Today, we will meet two more of Jesus' disciples.



Read John 1:43-46

- ▶ What did Jesus tell Philip?

- ▶ What did Philip do immediately after Jesus called him?

- ▶ There is a pattern here. Andrew went and told his brother about Jesus. Philip went and told his friend.

Who do you need to tell about Jesus this week?

Thursday,
May 7

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jesus called Philip and Philip immediately went to find Nathanael. Nathanael did not believe Philip about Jesus at first. This is where we will begin reading today.



Read John 1:47-51

- ▶ What did Jesus say about Nathanael when He saw Nathanael coming toward him?

- ▶ How do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus already knew Him?

- ▶ What did Jesus tell Nathanael he would see in verse 51? (WOW!)



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we finished reading the passage from John where Jesus calls His first disciples.
- ▶ If you were counting, you may have noticed that we did not get all the way to 12 disciples in this passage. Today, we will read another passage that lists all 12 of Jesus' disciples.
- ▶ If you want to read about when Jesus called a few more disciples, check out Matthew 4:21 and Matthew 9:9.

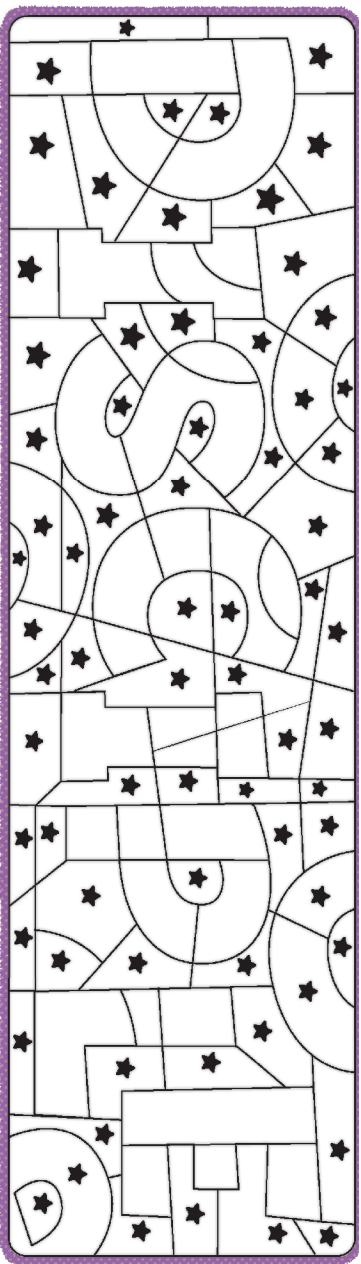


Read Mark 3:13-19

- ▶ What do verses 14-15 say Jesus appointed these 12 men to do?

- ▶ List the names of Jesus' 12 disciples.

- ▶ Jesus still calls people to follow Him today as His disciples. Everyone who repents and trusts that Jesus died and rose again for their sins is His disciple. But, we can't follow Jesus around on earth like His disciples did. How can we show we follow Jesus?



We Found Him! Find the hidden letters in today's story picture. The red letters will form one word. The blue letters will form another word. Unscramble the letters to find out who Andrew found.

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