

## The Beloved Son of God

First Week of January

- **Text:** Mark 1:9~11 (January 1)
- **Key Point:** Jesus, the beloved and pleasing Son of God, came to this earth as the Messiah.

### 1. Praise

(Hymn 563) Jesus' Love

### 2. Prayer

God who loves our family, please give us a heart of love for you at this time and help us to think only of you and worship you.

### 3. The Word

Read Mark 1:9~11 together (read the verse 3 times).

\* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

#### <ESV Bible>

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#### <NASB Bible>

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#### <Word Explanation>

\*Baptism: A ritual of washing away sins, entering or sprinkling water in water. Believing in Jesus and being born again and becoming the Lord's

\*Holy Spirit: Spirit of God

## Understanding Text

Jesus came to the Jordan River from a town called Nazareth in Galilee to be baptized by John. When Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove. And from heaven He said, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

### Understanding the text for leaders

For about 430 years after Malachi, the last prophet of the Old Testament, God did not appoint a prophet to speak. The prophet who appeared after this period in Israel's history, called the "Middle Ages" or "Dark Ages," was John the Baptist. John was the son of Elizabeth, the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:57~60). He proclaimed repentance and baptized in the Jordan River, and many people came to be baptized. Jesus, who was sinless, was among them. In the Gospel of Matthew, we read that John refuses to baptize Jesus. However, Jesus acknowledges that John's baptism is correct and asks him to baptize him (Matt. 3:13~15). Messiah is a Hebrew word and means "anointed one." God promised to send the Messiah through the prophet Isaiah and many other Old Testament prophets (Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2). That Messiah is Jesus. Jesus is the One who will save not only the Israelites but all mankind from the pain of sin. Meanwhile, John baptized Jesus and Jesus came up out of the water. At that time, the Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit), who looked like a dove, came, And there was a voice from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son, and I am well pleased with you" (verse 11). Jesus, who came as the Messiah, must have remembered God's voice every time He preached the gospel of the kingdom. He must have listened to this voice in obedience to God's will and in the fulfillment of God's will. That same God is giving us the voice of heaven that Jesus heard to us today.

Luke 1:57-60:

"Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, 'No; he shall be called John.'"

Matthew 3:13-15:

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented."

Isaiah 7:14:

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Micah 5:2:

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."

## 4. Sharing

1) What happened when Jesus was baptized by John and came up out of the water? (verses 10~11)

### ■ Upper Grades

When Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water, what voice did He hear from heaven? (verse 11).

### ■ Lower Grades

What did God say to Jesus when He was baptized and came up from the water? (verse 11).

### Question Guide

The voice from heaven (God) heard Jesus saying that God acknowledged Jesus to carry out the work of the Messiah.

### Comments for Leaders

When Jesus was about to officially begin His Messianic work after John's baptism, He heard God's voice from heaven. that

"I [God] love you [Jesus] and delight in you." It was a voice. This event reaffirms the identity of Jesus as the Messiah .

2) If you hear the voice of God telling you that He loves you and is pleased with you, share how you feel.

■ **Upper Grades**

I need to turn off other sounds for a while so I can focus on the voice of God who loves me and is pleased with me. What sounds should I turn off for a while during my God-focused cutie time?

■ **Lower Grades**

Say to each other, "God loves oo," and hug each other.

☒ **Question Guide**

Share what it would be like to hear the voice of God telling you that He loves you and is pleased with you. Find out what you can do to feel God's love clearly and surely, and decide to do it together.

☒ **Comments for Leaders**

God says to His children in the words of the Bible, "I love you and I am well pleased with you." If you hear these words from God, the creator of the world, your heart will be filled with peace, happiness, and joy. Think about what you need to do and what you can do to hear God's voice of love every day.

≡ **5. Gratitude**

Confess your gratitude to God, who loves you and is pleased with you.

≡ **6. Prayer**

Thank you, God, for telling us that you love us and that you rejoice in us. Please let us not be distracted by anything else, but listen to God's voice of love. Help us to know and share Heavenly Father's heart for us.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"

≡ **7. Family Mission**

Make a card of Mark 1:11 and put it in a visible place, and read it aloud every time you pass by. It's a good idea to write your family name instead of the word "you" in the word.

<Making Word Card News> \*What to bring: Paper, pen, decorating materials (colored paper, colored pencils, etc.), adhesive tape

1. Divide Mark 1:11 into sections, and then divide the columns on a large piece of paper or write it on several small sheets of paper.
2. Decorate each verse to make it stand out.
3. Stick the word card in the place where your family passes by the most.

Tip: Unlike general news articles, Card News is a story-type news example that connects several images with short texts in order.