

“Jesus is Baptized by John”

Big Idea

Jesus shows us obedience and humility through baptism.

Bible Passage

Matthew 3:13–17

Opening Activity: “A Bowl of Water”

Bring out a clear bowl of water for show and tell for the kids.

Opening Question

“What do we use water for?”

Let kids share.

Affirm that water cleans and refreshes us. Also ask, Did you know that water is also used in baptism?

Storytelling Time: “The Baptism of Jesus”

Watch: *The Baptism of Jesus* by Saddleback Kids

https://youtu.be/_VMNO2MAmwA

or

Read Matthew 3:1-17.

Story Summary

Ask, “What happened in this story?”

Bring out the points:

- John was baptizing people in the Jordan River.
- Jesus came and asked John to baptize Him.
- At first John said, “I should be baptized by You!”
- But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” or “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness (all that God wants people to do).”
- When Jesus came out of the water, God’s Spirit came down like a dove, and God’s said that he was pleased.

Discussion Questions

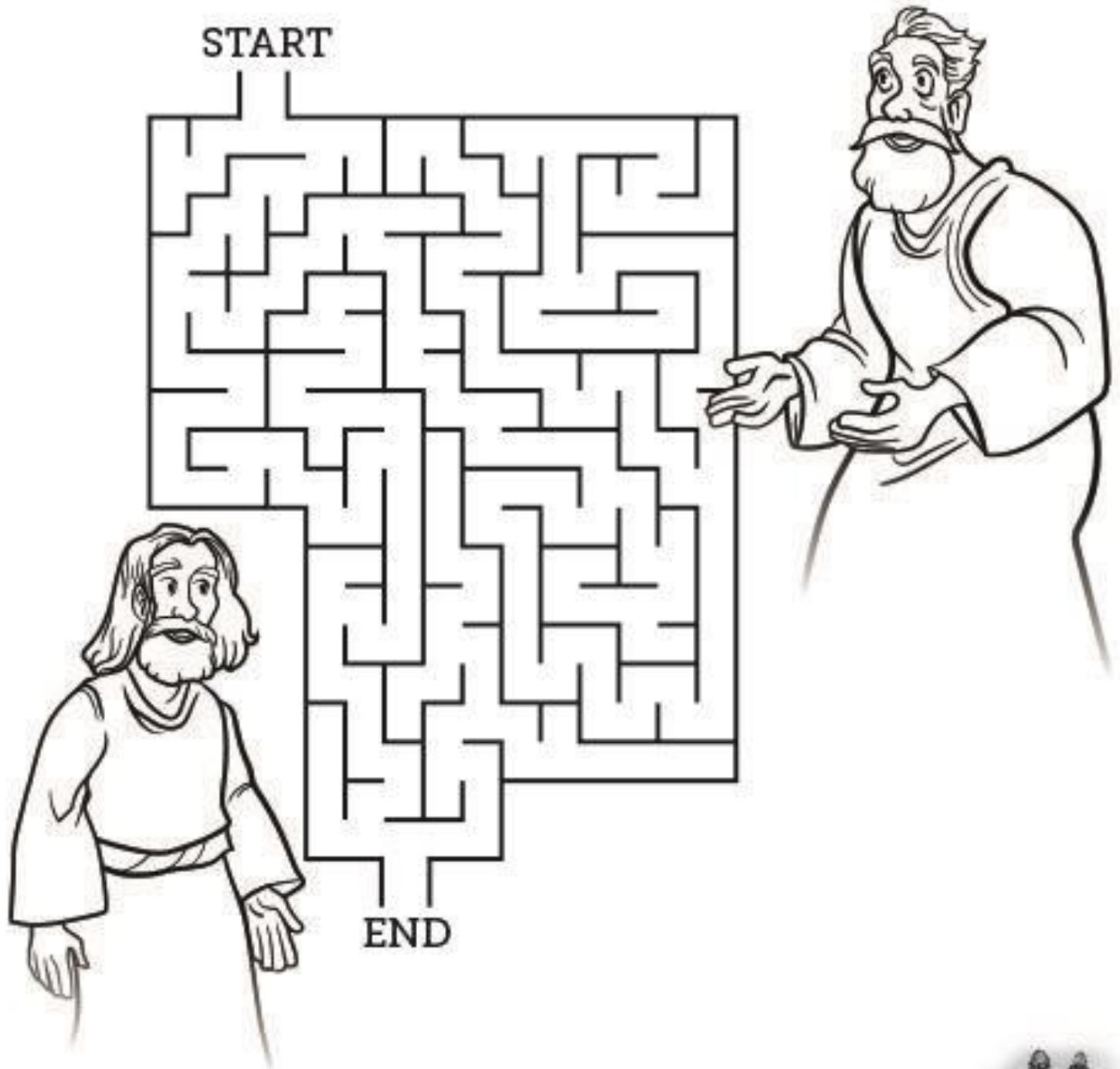
- What did you find interesting about this story?
- Isn’t it fascinating that Jesus was baptized so that he could be baptized like us?
- Can your parents remember the time when you were Baptized?
- Remember, when we are baptized, our sins are forgiven, God gives us the Holy Spirit, and we are given the gift of forever being his children.

Prayer Time

“God, thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you that he obeyed all the he needed to do for us. And thank you for bringing out baptism, so that we may be saved with Jesus. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

Help the Disciple get to Jesus



The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



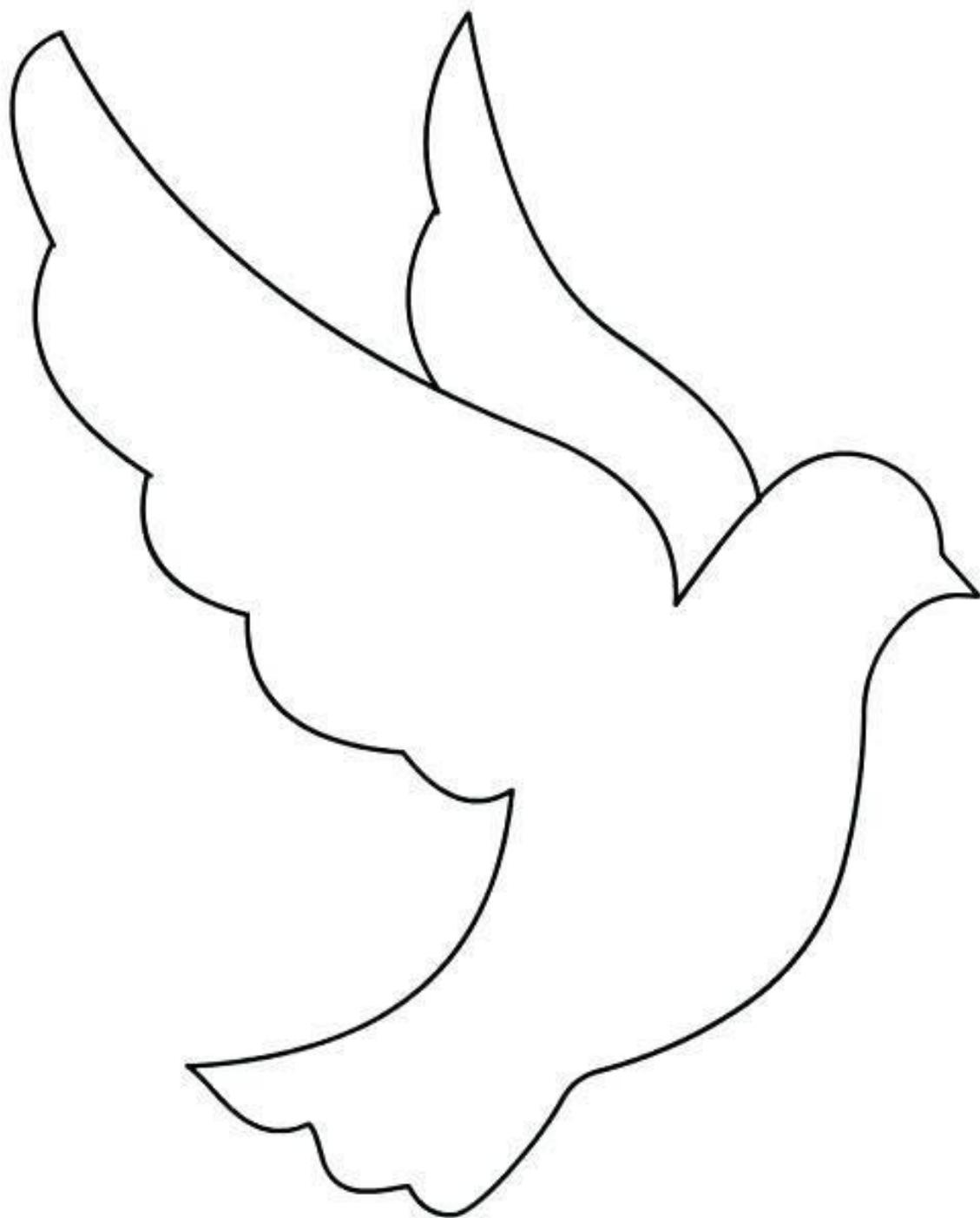
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OPENED	DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED	SON
JORDAN	WATER	FULFILL	BAPTIZED	SPIRIT

JOHN THE BAPTIST



Prepare the way for the Lord!



Cut out a dove, then write on it: "I belong to God's family."