



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Jesus is baptized

Take Home Point:

In baptism, we are connected to Jesus.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How did the magic light bulb turn on? (*When it was connected to the water.*) How is that like us? (*We are connected to Jesus through the water of baptism. We let our lights shine just as Jesus is the Light of the world.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Gather the family together and look at some pictures from the family photo album that show times of people feeling close to each other. Then say: "Tell about a time that you felt close to God." After discussion, point out that today's reading talks about a time that Jesus felt close to his heavenly Father. "See if you can tell when that was."

READ THE BIBLE: Luke 3:1-22. John the Baptizer and Jesus' baptism.

KEY VERSE: Galatians 3:27. "*Clearly, all of you who were baptized in Christ's name have clothed yourselves with Christ.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: Read John 1:6-8. What was John's job? (*He was to point to the Light, Jesus.*) Read Luke 3:1-22. What did John the Baptizer tell people they must do? (*Luke 3:3. Repent and be baptized.*) What does it mean to repent? (*Turn from sin back to God.*) When Jesus was baptized, what was heard over him? (*Luke 3:22. A voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, whom I love. I am pleased with you."*) Jesus was baptized even though he did not have any sin. Why did he do this? (*He wanted to be a perfect example for us.*)

Jesus wants us to be baptized. When we are baptized it is like God saying over us, "This is my son (daughter), (child's name), whom I love. With (child's name) I am well pleased." How does it make you feel that God would be well pleased with you?

Jesus was baptized as an example for us. Now when we are baptized, we are connected to Jesus. When we become connected to Jesus, we want to repent of our sins and live more like Jesus as shining lights that bring glory to God.

PRAYER POWER: Pray for specific ways family members can let their lights shine to others.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

This is an excellent time to talk about baptism and what it means in your family. For those children who are baptized, it might mean marking the calendar to celebrate that day every year. Or, for those who haven't, it would be a wonderful time to talk about how they might trust in Jesus as their Savior and get connected to him.

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