

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

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JESUS IS GOD'S SON

Part of The Big God Story

Luke 3:1–22

When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River, God shows John and everyone listening that Jesus is His beloved Son. God opens the heavens and speaks out loud for everyone to hear. Through prophecies and many other signs, God prepared His people to receive His beloved Son.

JUST FOR FUN

Talk with your kids about baptism, reminding them that baptism shows an outward expression of an inward reality—that they've received Jesus as their Savior. Ask your church about the date of its next baptism service, and plan to attend as a family. Together read Luke 3:1–21. Ask your children what God said about His Son. Remind them God prepared the way for His beloved Son to be recognized as the Messiah. Share with them that they too are God's beloved children and that God sacrificed His Son for each of them.

YOUNGER KIDS

Your younger child may still have many questions about what it means to follow God. Make sure you set aside time to have conversations about what it means to follow Jesus. Use Galatians 5:13–14 to remind him we're to love God and others.

OLDER KIDS

Your older child may begin to struggle with the issue of identity in peer relationships. Be sure to reinforce spiritual matters as they relate to identity. It's not being an athlete or scholar that makes her special but the fact that she's beloved by God.

DID YOU KNOW?

- God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people's hearts to receive His Son.
- When Jesus was baptized, people heard God's voice declaring His acceptance of His Son.
- Jesus' genealogy recorded in Luke shows that His royal lineage descends from King David.

REMEMBER VERSE

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading Scripture, discuss the following together:

- What were some of the ways God showed He loved Jesus?
- What are some of the ways God shows He loves us?
- How does it feel to know you're God's beloved?

BLESSING

For more information about blessing your child see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you know that God loves you very much and will never stop loving you, no matter what you do. May you understand that nothing can make God's love for you go away.