

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **December 27, 2020** Family Theme | **Jesus Is Our Example** Study Text | **Matthew 3:13 – 4:11**

Objective: Talk with your children about declaring their allegiance to Christ through baptism and following Jesus' example in overcoming temptation.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry when He set the example for us in being baptized and in overcoming temptation.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What is the relationship among the three persons of the Trinity? Answer:** They love one another (John 14:31; 17:26; Galatians 5:22). They are equal, though they have different roles (Matthew 28:18-20).

Read the Word: Matthew 3:13 – 4:11

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children about the meaning of baptism and why it is important for all believers, and help them learn how to overcome temptation.



Key Truth: Jesus Set the Example in Baptism (Matthew 3:13-17)

After years with no record of Jesus' activity since He was twelve years old (Luke 2:41-50), He appeared and presented Himself to be baptized by John the Baptist. Although Jesus had never sinned and had no need to be baptized in the sense of having repented, His baptism was necessary for several reasons. Many scholars believe that the idea of fulfilling all righteousness means to complete everything included in a relationship of obedience to God. Second, baptism gave approval to the work, ministry, and message of John. Third, baptism would be a new ordinance of the soon-coming church. Fourth, through baptism, Jesus identified Himself with those He came to save. Although Christ was the head of the church, His baptism connected Him to the process that all believers should follow. Every believer should be baptized and live and speak in ways that identify him or her as a follower of Christ.

In Romans 6:3-4, the apostle Paul used baptism as an illustration of the believer's identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The beauty of baptism is in the image it portrays. It symbolizes Christ who was dead, buried, and raised to new life. Our baptism symbolizes our death to sin, being buried to that way of life, and being raised to live a new life in Christ.



Key Truth: Jesus Set the Example in Overcoming Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

Just as Jesus had set the example of baptism, He also revealed the truth that our enemy will tempt us. If Jesus, the Son of God, was not exempt from temptation, neither will anyone else be. This event in the life of Jesus provides insight as to how the enemy will tempt us. The first temptation was to try to get Jesus to satisfy a legitimate need in an illegitimate way. The second temptation was more subtle and involved misapplying Scripture in an effort to get Jesus to seek glory for Himself apart from God's will and timing. The last temptation was simply to take a shortcut in God's plan, setting up His earthly kingdom without going to the cross. Jesus' primary defense was the Scriptures. Jesus knew God's Word, and undoubtedly dwelled on it and applied it in every situation, including temptation. God's Word is our defense in times of temptation.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why was it necessary for Jesus to be baptized?
- What is the meaning of baptism today? What does it symbolize?
- How did God confirm at Jesus' baptism that Jesus is His Son?
- How would you define the word *temptation*?
- How can we prepare ourselves to face temptation, and what can we do when tempted to help us overcome the temptation?
- **For Elementary:** Is temptation sin?
- **For Elementary:** How did Jesus resist temptations presented to Him by Satan?

Everyday Extras

Talk with your family today about resisting temptation. Try this experiment. Leave a plate of cookies on the counter, but tell everyone not to eat the cookies. They must resist them! How do people do in avoiding the temptation? The next day, give the same instructions about not eating any cookies, but instead, put the cookies in a sealed container high in the cabinet. How does your family do about resisting temptation? Sometimes the best way to resist temptation is to stay far away from it. Jesus is our example in facing temptation with a strong defense from God's Word. Work to memorize Psalm 119:11 together to keep you from sin. As a family, in this new year, agree to avoid temptation when you can and fight it with God's Word when you cannot avoid it.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Jesus taught the people He would comfort them when they are sad. He also taught the people how to have the right attitude by being humble and gentle with others. Your child heard two stories to help them understand Jesus' teachings. **The Bible Teaches Me** how to have the right attitude.