



Baptised

**Matthew 3 &
Luke 3**

EXPLORE

As a family, read *The Action Bible* story on pages 544–547 or the *Action Bible New Testament* on page 35–37 as a family. Then, read this true Bible story found in Matthew 3 and Luke 3.

Here is what the story is about:

John had a special job. God had asked John to be His messenger, the one who would share His messages with His people. John told the people to ask God for forgiveness and prepare for the coming of the Saviour whom God had promised to send. John baptised people in the Jordan River as a sign that they were preparing their hearts for the Saviour. One day, Jesus met John by the river. He asked John to baptise Him. John was confused because he knew that Jesus did not need to ask God for forgiveness. John knew that Jesus was the Saviour. Even though he did not understand, John did what Jesus asked. When Jesus came up from the water, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. The voice of God said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Later, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days.

REMEMBER

Answer each question with information you learned from the story:

- › Who were John’s parents? Zechariah and Elizabeth
- › What did John say to the Israelites? John told the people that the Kingdom of God was near. They needed to ask God for forgiveness for their disobedience.
- › Where did John baptise Jesus? The Jordan River.
- › What did God say to Jesus after He was baptised? “This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”
- › Where did Jesus go after His baptism? Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days to fast and pray.

DISCUSS

John prayed in the desert and heard God speak.

- › **Has God spoken to you? What has He said?**

John told the people that they should give food and clothes to those in need.

- › **What are some other ways to love and care for others?**

Jesus never sinned. He lived a perfect life. John did not feel that he was worthy to baptise Jesus. Jesus reminded John that God had chosen him for this very special job.

- › **Have you ever felt that you were too young or not able to do something you were asked to do? What did you do in that situation?**

After Jesus was baptised, God said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). God generously sent His beloved Son, Jesus, to be with us. Jesus came to earth to give us His honour.

- › **How does that make you feel?**

BLESSING

Read the blessing below or speak a blessing of your own over a loved one based on Romans 8:39.

(Child's name), may you know that you are precious to God. Nothing can separate you from that love. May you always remember God's great love for you.

ACT

Think of something you can do together as a family to help someone in need. Is there a friend or neighbour you can share a meal with? Do you have extra clothing or toys you could donate to a family going through financial hardship? How can you be generous with someone and share Jesus' love?