

## Discussion points:

1. The testimony of Jesus at His baptism.

Read Matthew 3:13-17

Ask your children the following:

1. Why does John try to keep Jesus from being baptized?
2. Why does Jesus tell John He must be baptized?
3. How is every member of the Trinity visible at Jesus' baptism?
4. What did God say about Jesus?

Take the opportunity to teach your children the significance of Jesus' baptism. First, Jesus fulfilled God's righteous will. Jesus did not just avoid sin, He also did things that were pleasing to God. Second, every member of the Trinity is actively involved at the same time. Third, we hear God testify that Jesus is His Son!

2. The testimony of Jesus at His crucifixion.

Read Mark 15:33-39

Ask children the following:

1. Why would the sky turn black?
2. Why would God forsake Jesus?
3. Why did the curtain tear?
4. What does the centurion realize from watching?

Take the opportunity to walk your children through some of the events at the crucifixion. The sky turns black to display God's wrath, Jesus is forsaken because He becomes our "sin curse" (Galatians 3) and the veil is torn because Jesus becomes our High Priest and eliminates our need for someone else to go before God for us. While the Centurion watches this, he realizes Jesus really is the Son of God.

3. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will testify of Him.

Read John 15:26-27

Ask children the following:

1. Who is the Helper?
2. Who sends the Helper?
3. What will He testify?
4. What will we do?

Take the opportunity to teach your children about the Holy Spirit. Explain that He was sent from God by Jesus to testify about Jesus. Jesus promised that when He came, we would be able to also testify about who Jesus is.

4. The Spirit helps you understand spiritual things.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

Ask children the following:

1. How has God revealed truth to us?
2. How does the Spirit know the depths of God?
3. Can a natural person understand spiritual things?
4. How does God allow us to understand spiritual things?

Take the opportunity to encourage your children that the Holy Spirit desires to make all things clear about Jesus. If we can understand the gospel and the depth of God's grace to us, it is only because the Spirit has graciously revealed Him.

# Table Talk

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

-Deuteronomy 6:7

