

REACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Children's Ministry Parent Take Home | Week 38 | September 20, 2026

JESUS IS BAPTIZED: GOD REVEALED AS TRINITY

Bible Passage: Matthew 3:1-17 **Big Idea:** There is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and Jesus the Son came to save us.

MEMORY VERSE

"This is my Son, whom I love." Matthew 3:17

Help your child understand it: These are the Father's words about Jesus at His baptism. Jesus did not become God's Son that day. He is eternally God the Son. Try saying the verse together several times this week, and ask, "Who is the Son the Father loves?" **Answer: Jesus.**

TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED

Jesus came to the Jordan River where John was baptizing people who were confessing their sins. Jesus had never sinned, so He did not need forgiveness. Hebrews 4:15 tells us that Jesus was tempted as we are, "yet he did not sin." Jesus was baptized in obedience to the Father as He began His public ministry.

When Jesus came up from the water, something remarkable happened. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove, and the Father spoke from heaven: **"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased"** (Matthew 3:17).

This moment helps us understand the **Trinity**. God is one God in three Persons: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. Christians do not believe in three gods. The Father is God, Jesus the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, yet there is only one God.

WHY JESUS MATTERS

Jesus' baptism begins a ministry that will eventually lead Him to the cross. Jesus is the sinless Son of God, and He came because we are sinners who cannot save ourselves. Jesus lived without sin, willingly died for our sins, and rose again. First Peter 3:18 says, **"Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."** Everyone who turns from sin and trusts Jesus can be forgiven and receive new life. Jesus is not simply our example. **Jesus is our Savior.**

TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Why was Jesus baptized if He never sinned? Jesus was not being baptized because He needed forgiveness. He told John it was right "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). Jesus was obeying His Father as He began His public ministry.

Who was present at Jesus' baptism? Jesus the Son was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, and the Father spoke from heaven.

What is the Trinity? God is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Why did Jesus come? Jesus came to save sinners. He lived without sin, died for our sins, and rose again so that those who trust Him can be forgiven and brought to God.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH AT HOME

"How can God be three Persons and still be one God?" That is an excellent question, and we do not have to pretend we completely understand everything about God. Scripture teaches that there is **one God** (Deuteronomy 6:4), while Matthew 3:16-17 shows the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit distinctly. Avoid comparing the Trinity to an egg, water, or a three leaf clover. Those pictures can actually make the Trinity more confusing.

A simple answer for your child is: **"There is only one God. The Father is God, Jesus the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. They are three distinct Persons, but they are one God. We believe this because this is how God reveals Himself in the Bible."** It is perfectly fine to tell your child, **"There are things about God we do not completely understand, but we can trust what He has told us."**

TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

Open your Bible to Matthew 3:16-17 and find three things together: **What was the Son doing? What did the Holy Spirit do? What did the Father say?** Then let your child teach the lesson back to you using this sentence: **"God is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."** Finish by saying the memory verse together.

PRAY TOGETHER

Father, thank You for sending Your Son. Jesus, thank You for coming to save sinners like us. Holy Spirit, help us know God's truth and follow Jesus. Thank You that when we have questions, we can trust Your Word. Help our family love You, trust You, and remember that Jesus is alive. Amen.

A Final Thought for Parents: You do not need to understand every mystery about God before talking about Him with your child. Read Scripture together, answer what you can, and be comfortable saying, "I do not know, but let's see what the Bible says." Your child is learning something valuable when they see that honest questions do not threaten our faith. They can lead us back to God's Word and ultimately back to Jesus.