

JESUS IS GOD'S SON

UPVPC KIDS ONLINE: MATTHEW 3

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS...

In today's Bible passage, John the Baptist baptizes people and preaches about Jesus. When Jesus comes, John baptizes Jesus. At Jesus' baptism, the skies open and God the Father announces that Jesus is his Son.

"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'" Matthew 3:17



WHAT YOU'LL NEED THIS WEEK...

- Bible
- Blue, White, & Yellow Paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- 10-20 Random Household items
- Balloons
- Pen

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

We're Alike - Families will see how different objects are alike to think about how Jesus and God the Father are alike.

DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE POSTER - Students will make a poster to remind them that Jesus is God's Son.

BIG BLESSINGS- Families will be reminded of the blessing of family and the blessing of being in God's family.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER - Students will work together to move their balloon across the room without using their hands.

WE'RE ALIKE -

Jesus is God's Son, so they are alike in many ways. See what similarities you can spot with household items.

- 1) Gather 10-20 random items from around your house.
- 2) Have family members take turns selecting two objects from the pile and saying ways they are alike. For example: They're both made of plastic; they're both kitchen tools.

- 3) Talk about these questions:
What are some ways each of us is like our parents?

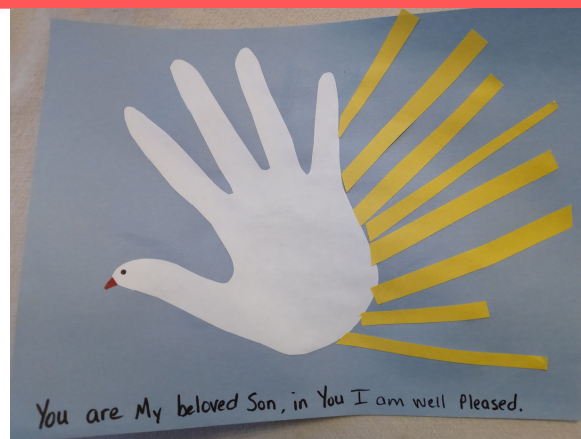
What do you know about Jesus now? How does that help you know about his Father, God?

LET'S WORK TOGETHER!:

- 1) Have students form pair or groups of three if possible, and line up on one side of the room.
- 2) Give each group a balloon and instruct them that it is their job to get the balloon across the room and back.
- 3) All students must be involved in carrying it, and no one can use their hands.
- 4) Hands can be used to pick up the balloon if it is dropped.
- 5) Play a few rounds, asking them to think of new ways to transport the balloon each round.

DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE POSTER:

- 1) Trace hand print on white paper and cut out.
- 2) Glue hand print to the blue paper using the thumb as the dove's head.
- 3) Draw an eye and a beak on the dove using markers.
- 4) Cut thin strips of yellow paper and glue them around the hand print to make it appear as if flying down from Heaven.
- 5) Write the memory verse on the bottom of the picture.
"You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17



BIG BLESSINGS-

Try this at bedtime each night. Put your hand on your child's head and say, 'You are my dearly loved (son or daughter), who brings me great joy.'

1. Ask your child what it means to hear a blessing from you.
2. Talk about what it means that God said those words about Jesus
3. Read Galatians 3:26 as a family. Imagine God saying your name and telling you you're his son or daughter and that you bring him joy.