

Ev Preschool Kids: God is pleased with His King

(Matthew 3:1-16, John 1:34)

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Kids Talk

Matthew wrote a book to tell us all about Jesus, God's special King.

Matthew's book is in the Bible.

At the beginning of his book, Matthew tells us about a man named John.

God gave John a special job to do. He had to get everyone ready.

Ready for someone very special! John wore strange clothes.

John wore camel's hair and a leather belt.

Do you wear clothes made from camel?

John ate strange food, locusts and wild honey. Do you eat locusts?

And John said strange things, "Get ready. Stop doing bad things and start obeying God.

Because God is sending someone special."

The people came from everywhere to hear John.

The people said sorry for the bad things they'd done.

The people went into the river with John.

They went under the water and came up again.

They wanted to show God they were sorry for the bad things they'd done.

Then John said, "Someone special is coming. He is from God."

And one day Jesus came.

Jesus wanted to go under the water and come back up just like the people.

But John shook his head and said, "No, you are special."

But Jesus said, "John, you must do it."

So John helped Jesus go under the water and come back up again.

Jesus did this to show that one day he would fix up the problem of the bad things people do.

As soon as Jesus came up out of the water amazing things happened!

God's heaven opened up.

God's Spirit came down on Jesus looking like a bird.

Then God spoke from heaven and said, "This is my Son. I love him.

He always makes me happy."

Conclusion:

John had a special job to do.

He had to get everyone ready because someone special was coming.

Jesus!

How do we know that Jesus was so special?

Because when Jesus came up out of the water, heaven opened up.

When Jesus came up out of the water, God's Spirit came down on him looking like a bird.

And when Jesus came up out of the water, God spoke.

"This is my Son. I love him. He always makes me happy!"

Children, Jesus is special, because Jesus is God's Son.

Bible Time

Aim: as a group retell the story using the following props:

- cloth bag
- jar of honey
- plastic locust
- furry outfit
- leather belt
- origami bird

Seat children in a circle with props inside the cloth bag on one side.

Select a child to pull out an item from the bag. Encourage the child to retell that part of the story the prop reminds them of. As a group place items in the correct order in the centre of the circle.

Use the following questions only if the children are finding it hard to retell the story.

- John said that there was someone special coming. Who was the special person John told them about? (Jesus)
- We know that Jesus is special because amazing things happened when Jesus came up out of the water. Heaven opened up and God's Spirit came down on Jesus, looking like a bird. Can you remember what God said about Jesus? ("I love Jesus. He is my Son. He makes me happy.")

Conclusion:

- John said someone special was coming.
- When Jesus came, amazing things happened.
- Heaven opened, God's Spirit came down looking like a dove and God spoke.
- God told the world - Jesus is his Son.
- Jesus always makes God happy.

Pray together in response

Repeated Prayer

Dear God, – thank you for sending Jesus – your one and only Son. – Thank you that – Jesus left heaven – to come to earth for us. – Amen

Individual Prayer

Encourage each child to pray his or her own prayer.

Memory Verse

I tell you that Jesus is the Son of God. John 1:34

Song

1. Hello Song
2. I belong to Him

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