

## Sunday Club – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore the opportunity for a new beginning that comes with Jesus.

### Opening activity

In the description of Jesus' baptism and we see all three persons of the trinity present. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Go around your house and garden looking for things that come in threes or which have three sides. Visit each room in the house and give yourself one minute to find as many items as you can which are triangle shaped or have three parts to them. How many can you find in each room?

### Opening prayer – Loving God.

Loving God,  
we thank you for John the Baptist  
whose voice spoke truth;  
for the voice at Jesus' baptism  
which spoke of delight;  
and for Jesus himself  
whose voice calls us to follow him to new beginnings.  
Amen.

### Open the Word: Open the Bible at Mark 1.4-11

Create a story scene (optional)

**You will need:** a strip of blue paper, play figures, a picture or cut-out of a dove.

- Lay out the blue paper and ask your child(ren) to imagine it is a river.
- Then use the play figures as you introduce different characters in the story. Finally bring the dove down to rest on the 'Jesus' figure, as you read the last words of the passage.

[Mark 1.4-11 ICB - John was baptizing people in the - Bible Gateway](#)

Talk together:

- What does it feel like when you start something new?
- How do you think Jesus felt about his new beginning which started with this story?
- What new beginnings might you ask God to help you with?

### Craft Activity – Create a story card reminder

Illustrate the main characters

You will need: copies of the [template](#) printed on card or cut one out yourself, pens or pencils.

- Help your child(ren) to cut out the template and fold to make doors that open. Talk together about the story as a new beginning for Jesus, like a door opening or a new chapter.
- Ask the children to draw on the outside of their door: John the Baptist on one side, and a crowd of people on the other.
- Invite your child(ren) to open their door and draw the scene of Jesus coming up out of the river in the centre, with the dove above him inside the top semi-circle.

## Talk to God: Watch for the transformation

Reflect on the change that can come with water

**You will need:** Smarties™, a large plate with a rim, water.

- Invite your child(ren) to suggest things in their lives that need God's help to change. Add a sweet to the plate for each suggestion, spacing them apart as much as possible.
- When all the suggestions have been made, invite everyone to pray silently as you add water to the plate. Encourage the children to keep silent as the colours slowly start to dissolve to create a beautiful pattern. Point out the change that has taken place on the plate, and give thanks for the way God's love can transform us.

**and/or**

## Play with bubbles: explore the difference water can make

You will need: a beaker for each child; water, washing-up liquid, straws, a towel.

- Half fill each beaker with water. Offer everyone a beaker and add a squirt of washing-up liquid.
- Invite your child(ren) to describe what they can see in their beaker. Now give each child a straw and invite them to blow into the mixture.
- Discuss what changes the air has made to the mixture. Remind the group that everything changed for Jesus when he was baptized.

## Praise Song: Be Happy ~ Doug Horley ~ lyric video. Easy Worship Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxDmS7Vc5Tw>

Sing and dance along!

## Closing Prayer:

May the God of new beginnings  
give you courage to face each new challenge,  
joy in each new day,  
and friends to journey with you through this new week.

**Amen.**

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (Mark 4: 1-11)

<https://hullminster.org/family-resources>

Kid's Church (Esther). This is great fun and very interactive.

Beforehand, you can read the details which shows you the resources that will be required.

[Stories from Exile 1 | High Energy Church Season 2 Episode 2 - YouTube](#)

Rochester Diocese Ministry at Home (Mark 4: 1-11) Attachment