The Baptism of the Lord
(Lower Elementary)

January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord

Overview

In this week’s Gospel passage, John the Baptist foretells of the coming Messiah who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He then baptizes Jesus, upon whom the Holy Spirit descends and comes to rest, while the Father proclaims Him to be His beloved Son. In this lesson, students will consider the meaning of Christ’s Baptism and the invitation to all of us it extends.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.

B. Have students complete the Why was Jesus Baptized activity and complete the reflection question. Review and discuss students’ answers to the question when finished. Guide a discussion about Jesus’ baptism, emphasizing that He did not need to be baptized, for He is perfect, but He chose to undergo baptism as an example for us because He loves us.

C. When they have finished, have them complete the Baptism Spot-the-Difference activity and answer the reflection question.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. He prophesied that one mightier than himself was coming; one whose sandals he was not worthy to loosen.

2. John told them that he was baptizing them with water while one mightier than he is coming to baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire.

3. “You are my beloved son; with You I am well pleased.”
Baptism Spot-the-Difference