



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

God Proclaims the King

Take Home Point:

God tells us in baptism, "I am your God, and you are my child whom I love."

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Show me the craft you made. How is this dove a symbol of baptism? *(When Jesus was baptized, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove and God spoke words of love over Jesus. He speaks these same words over us when we become his children.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Get out the family photo albums and go through baby pictures. (Home videos will work as well.) The parent(s) recall what he or she felt or was thinking at the specific time certain pictures were taken. Then have everyone discuss how he thinks God felt when we were adopted into his family.

READ THE BIBLE: Matthew 3, Jesus' baptism.

KEY VERSE: Matthew 3:17: *"Then a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love—my Son with whom I am pleased.'"*

TALK ABOUT IT: What message was John the Baptist preaching? *(Repent and prepare the way for the Lord.)* Who came and heard John and what did they then do? *(People from Jerusalem, Judea, and the whole region of Jordan confessed their sins and were baptized by John.)* How did John feel about baptizing Jesus? *(He felt unworthy.)* Why did Jesus say he must be baptized? *(To do all God wanted him to do as an example for us.)* What miraculous thing happened as soon as Jesus was baptized? *(Heaven opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove on Jesus and God's voice was heard saying, "This is my Son, whom I love—my Son with whom I am pleased.")* Why was God pleased with his son? *(He loved Jesus and was saying to the world that this was his true Son.)*

Remind children that through baptism, we are adopted into God's family. Then ask, "How do you feel knowing that through baptism, God says, 'I am your God, you are my child whom I love'?"

PRAYER POWER: Spend time praising God and thanking him for the gift of baptism and the privilege of being adopted into his family.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Light baptismal candles or other candles to celebrate and remember when various family members were baptized or first trusted in Jesus as their Savior. A special song could be sung to the tune of "Happy Birthday." Substitute the words "God's blessings to you."

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