

Sunday School Term 1 Week 10

Passage: Matthew 3

Main point of lesson: God ultimately loves his people by showing his faithfulness in fulfilling his promises through Jesus the Messiah

Talk

Please show this video to the kids: <https://youtu.be/3-goLkgIMgQ>

Who did God send? John the Baptist

What did the prophet do? baptises people with water – a baptism of repentance; talks about someone coming after him who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire; baptises Jesus; warns the Pharisees and Sadducees about judgement – but also as a warning to everyone

How does this show God's love? judgement reveals that God is coming to deal with the wickedness of the people; promises that God made in Malachi, Isaiah etc. are being fulfilled; giving the people a chance to come back to him before he judges

Who did God send? Jesus

What did the prophet do? Jesus comes to be baptised by John to fulfil all righteousness (aligning himself with God? Showing himself to be human?); we then see that God loves Jesus, Jesus is the Son of God (man, the chosen king of God)

How does this show God's love? God's promises are being fulfilled through Jesus, the chosen king; he's sent his very own Son to be the king – not a random one, but his own son; God also showing people clearly that Jesus is the ultimate version through John

For Kindy to Year 2 talk and activities, please see pages 2-5.

For Year 3 to Year 6 talk and activities, please see pages 6-7.

Kindy-Year 2 Activities

Song

Your children in K-2 have been learning and singing these songs at Sunday school. Feel free to play these songs and sing the songs with your children.

He Lives: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-JWRQzwmQ>

Lyrics: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-E9Xxc8_JLTrxS5K8sx-qdigRz_DbyFu1W4pZdwHk8l/edit?usp=sharing

Our God is a great big God: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8fcpShP19c>

Lyrics: <https://www.elevationkids.com/song/great-big-god>

Craft

On pages 4-5 is a craft related to the lesson. Feel free to give this craft for your children to do, following the instructions below.

1. Please print off this sheet:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iZtqWazdNY0yyMG0o2P5c-tK9eB7hQNI/view?usp=sharing>
2. Cut out bird shapes and cut the slit in each.
3. Fold a rectangular piece of coloured paper as you would a fan (i.e. concertina fashion) - like this:



4. Push the folded paper through the slit to make the wings.
5. Provide feathers and wood glue for the children to decorate the bird.

Year 3-6 Activities

Discussion

After the talk, feel free to discuss these questions with your children and pray with your children.

Questions

1. What was John the Baptist's message to the Israelites? Why were the people coming out to him by the river?

John told them to turn back to God, for His kingdom has come near (in the person of Jesus). He baptised them with water in the river after they repented, and talks about someone coming after him who will baptise with Holy Spirit and fire

2. Where have we heard about John the Baptist before (hint: think about last week's prophet and Matthew 3:2)? What does this show us about God?

In the previous prophets we looked at (Malachi, Isaiah, etc.), God promised to send a prophet who would call the people to repent before judgement comes. This prophet is John. We see that God has fulfilled this promise and stayed true to his word. This is one way that God loves his people.

3. What happens when Jesus is baptized? (look at verses 16-17)

The Spirit of God comes on Jesus and God speaks from heaven, saying Jesus is his son that he loves and is pleased with.

4. In all the prophets we've looked at this term, they all pointed toward Jesus' arrival. What did Jesus come to do, and how do we see God's love in this?

Jesus came to bring people back to God and show them God's love. Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promises in the Old Testament of sending a just ruler to lead his people. Ultimately, God demonstrates his love by saving us from sin through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Prayer Points

- Praise God that He is faithful to his word and fulfils his promise of sending Jesus
- Thank God that He loves his people
- Pray that we will repent, turn to God and follow Jesus

Memory Verse

Your children in Year 3-6 have been learning this memory verse. Please help your kids to learn this memory verse.

“Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.
Malachi 3:7b (NIV)