Get Ready! Jesus Is Coming!

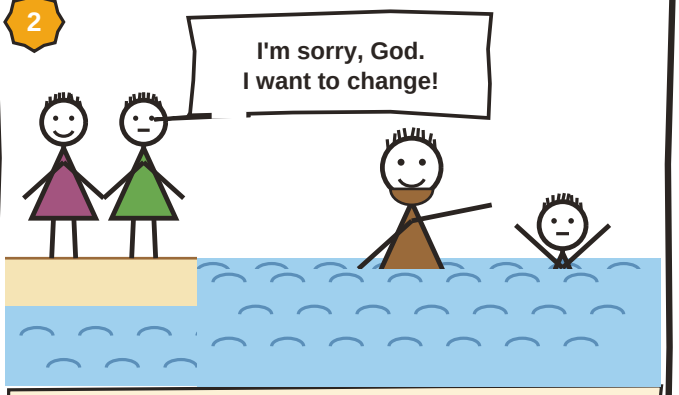
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God sent a messenger named John to get people ready for Jesus.

Mark 1:2-3

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People told God their sins. John baptized them in the river Jordan.

Mark 1:4-5

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John said someone much greater was coming after him.

Mark 1:7-8

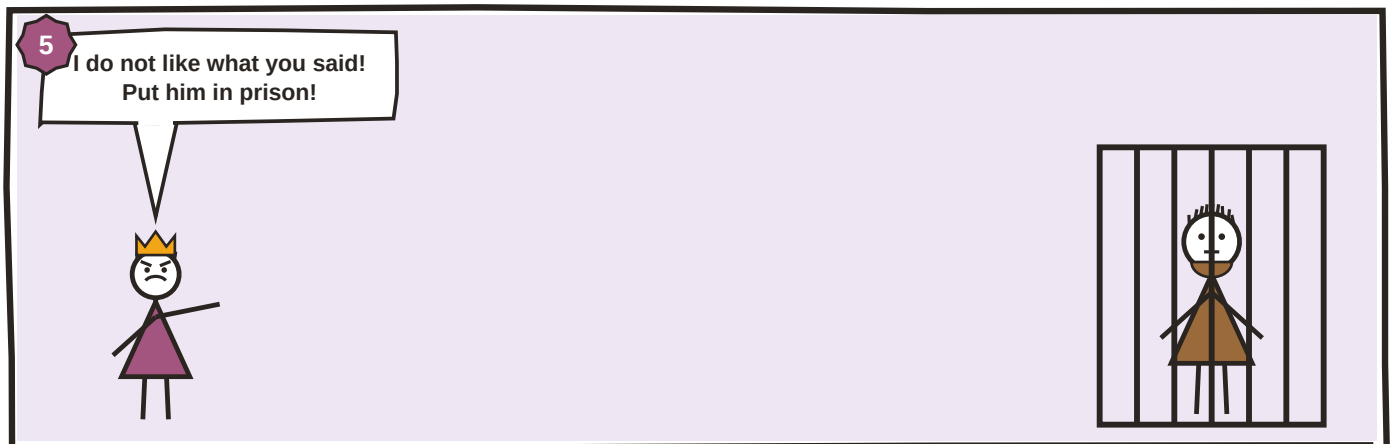
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Then Jesus came and was baptized! The sky opened, the Spirit came down like a dove, and God spoke!

Mark 1:9-11

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John told King Herod the truth about a wrong thing he did. Herod was angry and put John in prison.

Mark 1:14; 6:17-18

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Come and Follow Me!

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The kingdom of God has arrived! Change your hearts and minds and believe the good news!

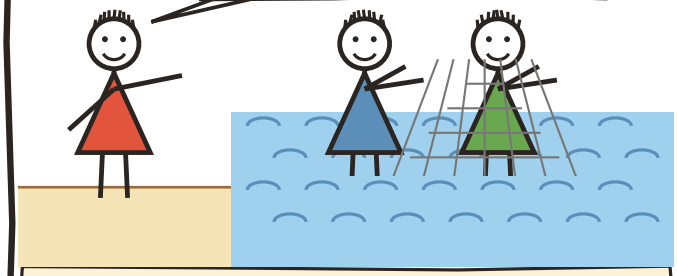


After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and told everyone the good news.

Mark 1:14-15

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Come and follow me, and I will teach you to catch men!

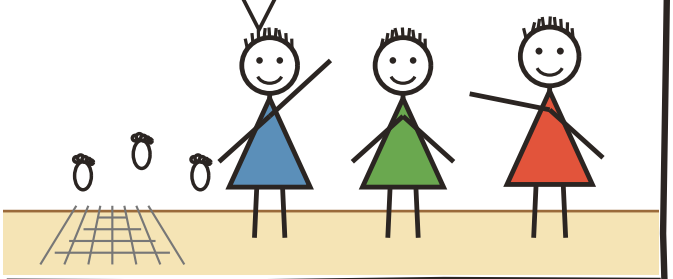


Jesus walked by the Lake of Galilee. He saw two fishermen, Simon and Andrew.

Mark 1:16-17

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Let's go!

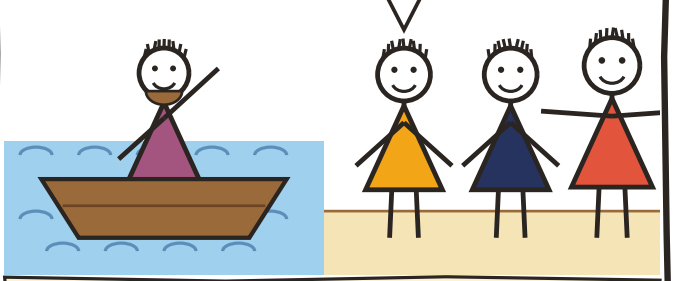


At once they dropped their nets and followed Jesus!

Mark 1:18

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Bye, Dad!



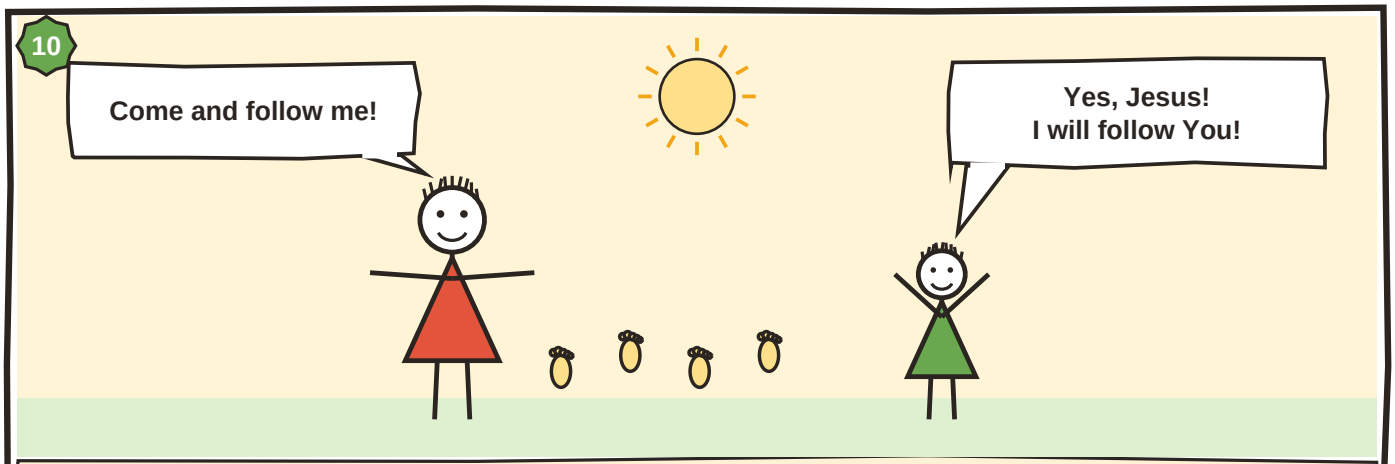
Jesus called James and John too. They left their dad Zebedee in the boat and followed Jesus!

Mark 1:19-20

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Come and follow me!

Yes, Jesus! I will follow You!



Jesus calls ME to follow Him too!

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Big Questions!

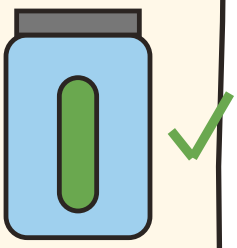
What does BAPTISM mean?

"Baptism" comes from a Greek word, **baptizo**. It means to **dip**, or to go **all the way under** the water. Long ago, people used this word for making pickles: the cucumber goes all the way into the jar!

The people who came to John were **old enough to understand**. They told God their sins out loud (Mark 1:5). Going under the water showed everyone: *"My heart has changed, and God forgives me."*



a sprinkle



all the way under

Why did Jesus get baptized? He never did anything wrong!

John asked that too! He said, *"I need you to baptise me."* Jesus answered that it was **right** to do everything God asks (Matthew 3:14-15). Jesus obeyed God in everything, and God said, *"I am well pleased!"* Jesus went first to show us the way. **We follow Jesus!**



Who is the Holy Spirit?



He is God. He comes to live in the hearts of people who follow Jesus. He is a **GIFT**. We don't earn Him by being good. God gives Him because He loves us. (Acts 2:38)





He is our Helper. He reminds us in our heart how to live God's way. (John 14:26)



He helps us shine. When we are kind and obey, people see it and praise God. (Matthew 5:16)



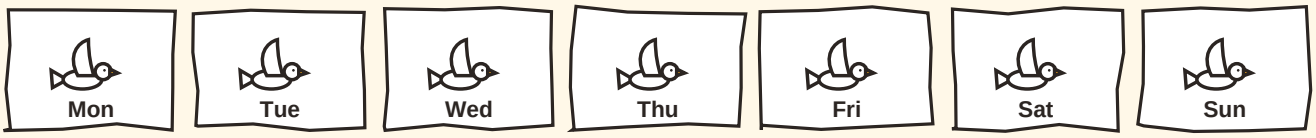
Even Jesus received the Holy Spirit at His baptism (Mark 1:10). If Jesus lived with the Spirit's help, we need Him too!

Ask Every Day!

Jesus said, *"How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"* (Luke 11:13). We don't ask just one time. A phone needs charging every day, and we need God's help every day too!



Each morning pray: **"Lord Jesus, fill me with Your Holy Spirit today!"** Then color a dove.



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Living God's Way

Turn Around!

Baptism is a sign that says: **"I am turning around!"** Grown-ups AND kids need to turn away from wrong things and turn back to God. Trace the turn-around arrows!

WRONG WAY		GOD'S WAY
✗ Grabbing a toy from my sister	⇢	✓ Saying sorry and giving it back
✗ Saying "No!" when Mom asks me to clean up	⇢	✓ Saying "Okay, Mom" and helping
✗ Telling a lie about who broke the cup	⇢	✓ Telling the truth, even when it is hard
✗ Hitting when I am angry	⇢	✓ Using my words, or asking Dad for help
✗ Grown-ups: yelling or saying mean words	⇢	✓ Saying sorry and speaking kindly

The Kingdom of God

A kingdom is where a **king** is in charge. God's kingdom is not a castle or a country. It is **in our hearts**, when God is King of everything we **say** and **do**.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done." (Matthew 6:10)



What is a Disciple?

A disciple is a **learner** who **follows** Jesus. (The Greek word *mathetes* means a student who follows a teacher.)

I **listen** to Jesus. I **obey** Jesus. I **love** others like Jesus. Jesus says to me too: *"Come and follow me!"* (Mark 1:17) **I can be a disciple!**

Color a footprint each time you follow Jesus this week:



I shared **I told the truth** **I prayed** **I helped**

God Is Pleased!

God was pleased with Jesus (Mark 1:11). With the Holy Spirit's help, I can live a life that pleases God too. One day I want to hear Him say, **"Well done!"** (Matthew 25:21)



My name: _____

Let's Pray

Dear God, thank You for Jesus, Your beloved Son.
Help me turn to You and follow Jesus right away.
Lord Jesus, fill me with Your Holy Spirit today, so my life will honor Your name.
Amen!