

“As Jesus asked for baptism,  
John drew back, exclaiming,  
*‘I have need to be baptized of thee,  
and comest thou to me?’*

With firm yet gentle authority,

Jesus answered,

*‘Suffer it to be so now:  
for thus it becometh us  
to fulfill all righteousness’*

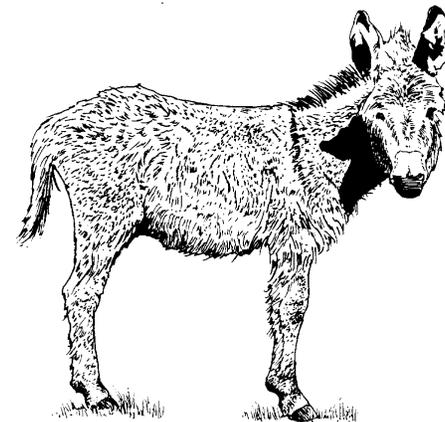
(Matthew 3:14-15).”

*The Desire of Ages 39 (110-111)*

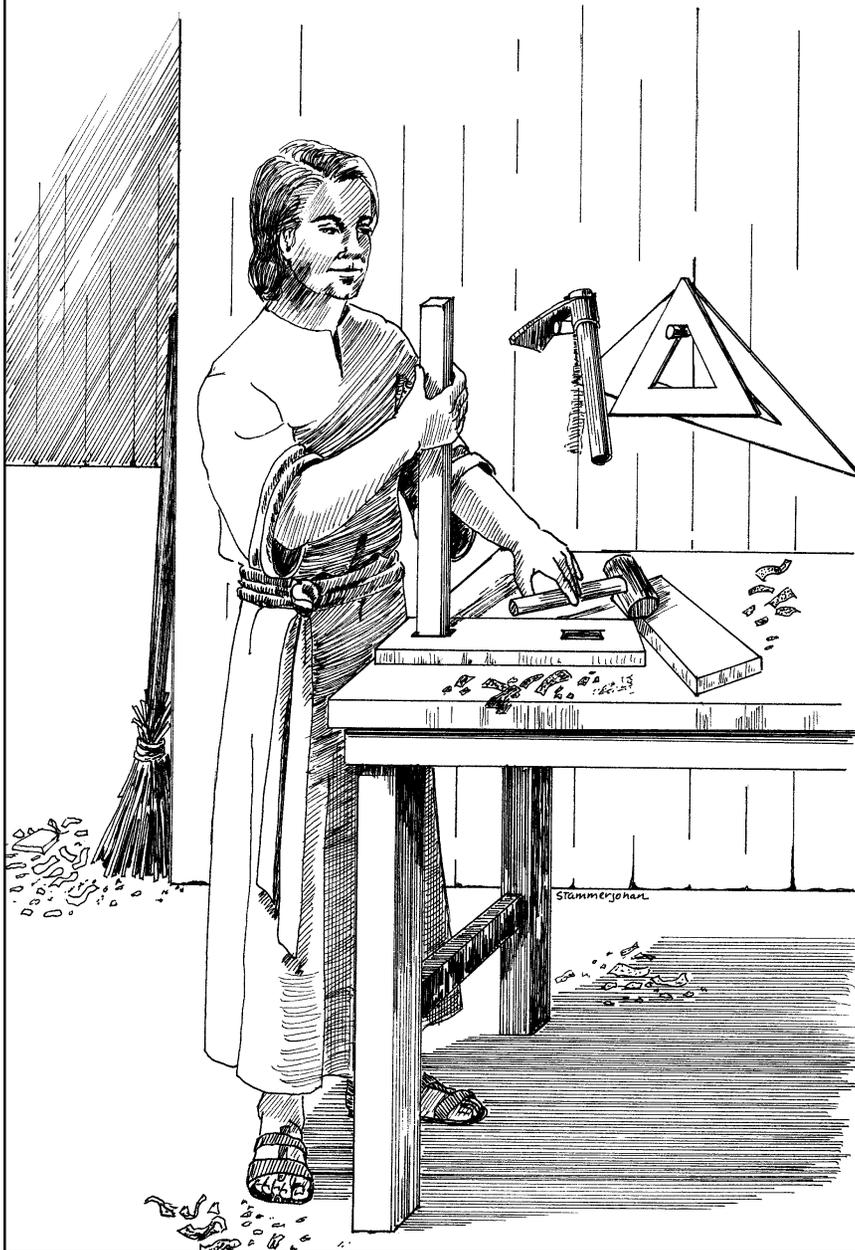


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# Christ As a Youth



# Baptism

Read the following verses about baptism.

1. One baptism. **Ephesians 4:5**
2. Doctrine of baptism. **Hebrews 6:2**
3. When one repents, is cleansed by the blood of Christ, and baptized, he receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost. **Acts 2:38**
4. It is then that *“the spirit, and the water, and the blood”* bear witness in earth. **I John 5:8**
5. Much water required. **John 3:23**
6. Must go to the water. **Acts 8:36**
7. Both candidate and administrator go down into the water. **Acts 8:38**
8. After baptism they come out of the water. **Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:39**
9. Memorial of Christ’s burial. **Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12**
10. Must be dead to sin. **Romans 6:3-11**
11. A pledge of the resurrection. **Romans 6:1-5**
12. Outward type of inward cleansing. **Ephesians 5:26; Acts 22:16**
12. In the name of the Trinity. **Matthew 28:19**
13. Brings rejoicing. **Acts 8:39**

11. **How did John know that Jesus was the Lamb of God?** (John 1:32-34)
12. **What had he prophesied of Jesus?** (John 1:29)
13. **What record did John bear?** (John 1:34)
14. **How old was Jesus at this time?** (Luke 3:23)

### Activities

1. Study more about the dove and the lamb to learn the character qualities that remind us of Jesus. (Example: The lamb is helpless and depends on its parent. Jesus only depended on His heavenly Father while He lived on this earth.)
2. Study about baptism. If you are old enough to be baptized talk to your parents about preparing for it.
3. Attend a baptism.



# Study Guide

## VII – As a Child

### Bible Reading

Luke 2:39-40

### Memory Verses

Luke 2:39-40

Luke 2:51-52

Acts 17:27

John 9:4

Isaiah 42:1-4

Proverbs 20:11



### Character Quality

**Truthfulness** – honesty, straight-forwardness, undeviating from true principle

Ephesians 4:25 – *“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man **truth** with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.”*

Antonyms – untruthfulness; lying; falsehood; deceptiveness

## As a Child

### Review Questions

1. **Where did Jesus live in His childhood?** (Luke 2:39)
2. **Did He grow up as other children do?** (Luke 2:40)
3. **With what was He filled? What was upon Him?** (Luke 2:40)
4. **By whom were Jewish children educated in the days of Christ?** (Luke 2:46)
5. **Was He educated in the schools of the rabbis?** (John 7:15)
6. **Who was His first human teacher?** (His mother)
7. **What do His teachings show as to His knowledge of Scripture, and of nature?** (He had studied the Scriptures and nature.)
8. **What was the moral influence of Nazareth?** (John 1:46) **Did it have any effect upon Him?** (II Corinthians 5:21)
9. **The Bible says that Jesus:**  
*“Waxed strong in spirit,”* and  
*was “filled with wisdom.”*  
**What does this mean?**

## The Baptism

### Review Questions

1. **Where did John baptize?** (Matthew 3:13)
2. **Who came to him to be baptized?** (Matthew 3:13)
3. **From what place did Jesus come?** (Matthew 3:13)
4. **Thought Questions: What did John and Jesus know about each other? Why had they never met before? What enabled John to recognize Jesus?**
5. **Did John wish to baptize Jesus? Why not?** (Matthew 3:14)
6. **What did Jesus say was necessary?** (Matthew 3:15)
7. **Why was Jesus baptized?**
8. **What did Jesus do when He was baptized?** (Luke 3:21)
9. **What descended upon Jesus when He came from the water? In what form?** (Matthew 3:16)
10. **What did John say of Jesus the next day?** (John 1:29-31)

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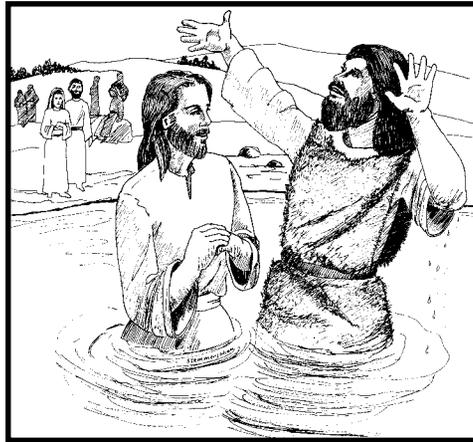
## XI – The Baptism

### Bible Reading

Matthew 3:13-17  
Mark 1:1-11  
Luke 3:21-22

### Memory Verses

Matthew 3:16-17  
I John 3:1-3  
Revelation 3:7-8  
Mark 16:15-18



### Character Quality

**Purity** – freedom from foreign admixture; cleanness; freedom from guilt or the defilement of sin; innocence

Matthew 5:8 – *“Blessed are the **pure** in heart: for they shall see God.”*

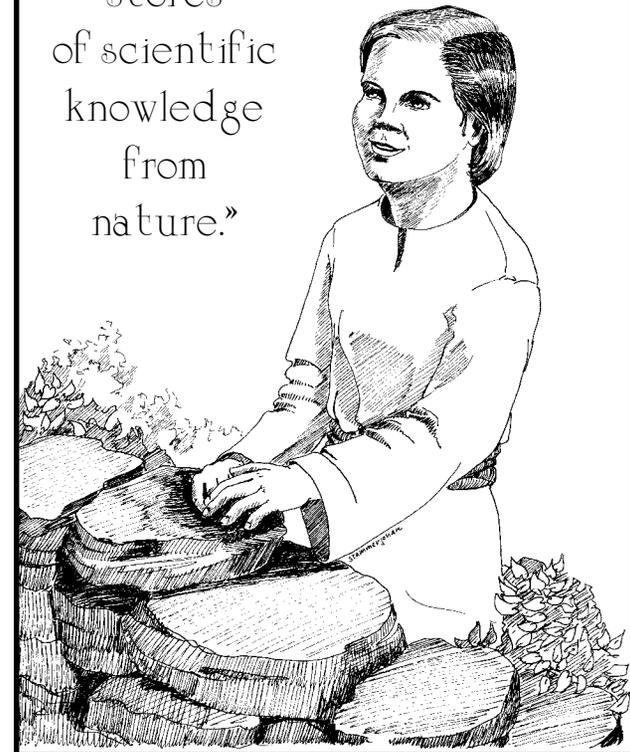
Antonyms – contamination; pollution; adulteration; impurity; immorality

“When Jesus came to be baptized, John recognized in Him a **purity** of character that he had never before perceived in any man.”

### Activities

1. Draw a picture of Jesus’ home school. Refer to a Bible dictionary to understand more about a home in Bible times.
2. Do more research about synagogues.
3. Take a nature walk and meditate upon the creatures that were happy to be in Jesus’ presence.

“He gathered stores of scientific knowledge from nature.”



# Study Guide

## VIII – The Passover Visit

### Bible Reading

Luke 2:41-51

### Memory Verses

Psalms 122:1-9

Exodus 12:5-12

John 1:1-5, 9-11

II Corinthians 3:18

Psalms 143:9-11

### Character Quality

**Obedience** – compliance with a command, prohibition or known law and rule of duty prescribed; the performance of what is required or enjoined by authority, or the abstaining from what is prohibited, in compliance with the command or prohibition

II Corinthians 10:5 – *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the **obedience** of Christ.”*

**Antonyms** – disobedience; contumacy; insubordination; rebellion; contrariness; forwardness; waywardness; intractableness; unruly; ungovernable; willful



### Activities

1. Make a carob desert to remind you of two main foods John ate.

#### Carob Fudge

2 c. carob chips

1 c. peanut butter

1 c. date butter (water and dates thickened)  
or honey 1/4 c.

1/2 c. coconut

1 c. walnuts, chopped

Melt the carob chips in a double boiler. Mix all ingredients and press into a square pan. Refrigerate.

If you want a simpler recipe try carob powder mixed with honey, and spread on bread.

2. Do more research about vipers to understand why the leaders of Israel were likened to them.

3. Read Luke 3:11. Go through your closet and share your clothing with those in need.



# The Voice in the Wilderness

## Review Questions

1. **Explain who Zechariah and Elisabeth were.** (Luke 1:5-8)
2. **Where did the angel appear? What did that indicate?** (Luke 1:11, 13, favor)
3. **What instructions were the couple given concerning the care of the child? Were Zechariah and Elisabeth receptive to the angel's instructions?** (Luke 1:15, 18)
4. **Tell the events of John's birth and why he was named John. What does the name "John" mean?** (Luke 1:13, 57-64, "God" or "Yahweh is Gracious.")
5. **Where did John live? Why?** (Luke 3:2, It was a quiet place to pray and study, and prepare for his life work.)
6. **What message did John preach in the wilderness? Were the people receptive to John's instructions?** (Luke 3:3-14)
7. **What rite did John establish that many Christians practice today? (Luke 3:16) How is this rite related to receptiveness?** (Baptism is an outward symbol that the person has chosen to be **receptive** to God's voice to their soul by repenting and being cleansed from sin.)

# The Passover Visit

## Review Questions

1. **To what city did the parents of Jesus go every year? For what purpose?** (Luke 2:41)
2. **How old was Jesus at the time of His first visit there?** (Luke 2:42)
3. **How long did His parents remain at Jerusalem?** (Luke 2:42; Leviticus 23)
4. **When the days of the feast were ended, what did Joseph and Mary do?** (Luke 2:43)
5. **Why did Jesus tarry in Jerusalem?** (Luke 2:43, 46)
6. **Why did His parents not know that He was left behind? What did they suppose?** (Luke 2:44)
7. **How far did they go before they missed Him?** (Luke 2:44)
8. **Where did they seek Him? Where did they find Him?** (Luke 2:45-46)
9. **What was He doing? What astonished all who heard Him?** (Luke 2:46-47)
10. **How did His mother reprove Him?** (Luke 2:48)

11. **Repeat His answer. Did His parents understand Him?** (Luke 2:49, 5)
12. **Did He ever disobey His parents?** (Luke 2:51)
13. **Who remembered all His sayings?** (Luke 2:51)
14. **What were His earliest recorded words?** (Luke 2:49)
15. **What do you know of His life during the next eighteen years?** (Luke 2:51-52; Mark 6:3; John 1:46)

### Activities

1. Use a Bible dictionary and study about the three main feasts that Israel observed each year—the Passover, the Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles.
2. Visit a Jewish synagogue.
3. Study more about the Jewish child reaching the age of 12 and the number 12.



# Study Guide

## X – The Voice in the Wilderness

### Bible Reading

Matthew 3:1-12  
 Mark 1:1-8  
 Luke 1:5-23, 57-80  
 Luke 3:1-18

### Memory Verses

Amos 3:7  
 Luke 1:68-79  
 Luke 1:80  
 I Corinthians 10:11



### Character Quality

**Receptiveness** – readiness or willingness to receive with favorableness; perceptiveness; sensitivity; intelligence; quickness; willingness; eagerness to listen; pliancy; flexibleness

*Acts 17:11 – “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”*

**Antonyms** – unreceptiveness; reluctance; opposition; disagreeableness

*the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.”*

*“Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.”*

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”*

*“Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace.”*

*“This Child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel.”*

*“Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt.”*

*“Wist ye not that I must be about My Father’s business?”*

## Activities

1. Using a Bible dictionary discover some of the rabbinical laws that Jesus did not obey.
2. Rules are good but should follow Bible principles. Make a list of rules for your home based on the principles found in *Fundamentals of Christian Education* 157. Frame them and hang where all in the home can see them.
3. There are many people suffering today. Find a sufferer to minister to by sitting with that person and reading a book, etc.

# Study Guide

## IX – Days of Conflict

### Bible Reading

Luke 2:51-52

### Memory Verses

II Corinthians 8:9

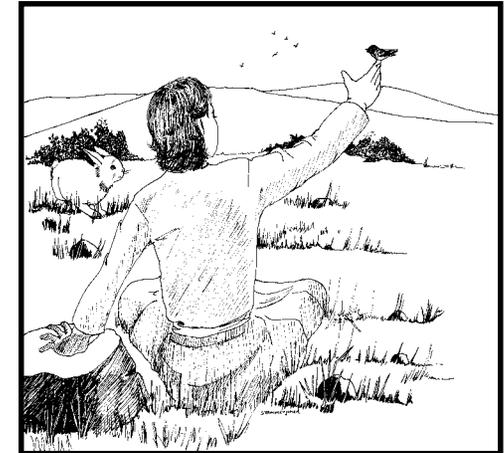
Matthew 23:23

Job 28:28

Psalm 119:9-16

Psalm 119:1-8

Proverbs 3:1-7



### Character Quality

**Gentleness** – mildness; meekness; softness of manners; sweetness of disposition; kindness; benevolence; tenderness

I Thessalonians 2:7 – *“But we were **gentle** among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children.”*

Antonyms – roughness; vehemence; intensesness; fierceness; violence; powerfulness; forcefulness; harshness

**Submissiveness** – inclination or willingness to **submit** to others; humbleness; acknowledgment of inferiority

James 4:6-8 – *“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **Submit** yourselves therefore to*

*God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."*

Antonyms – rebelliousness; resistance; withstanding; hardness

## Days of Conflict

### Review Questions

1. **Did Jesus recognize His duty to His earthly parents?** (Luke 2:51)
2. **What kind of son was He?** (Luke 2:52)
3. **Why was Jesus in conflict with the rabbis?**
4. **In what did Jesus increase all the time?** (Luke 2:52)
5. **What do these words mean?**  
*"increased in wisdom,"*  
*"increased...in stature,"*  
*"in favour with God,"*  
and *"in favour with...man."*
6. **How was Jesus made perfect?** (Hebrews 2:10)  
**How should we regard similar discipline?** (Hebrews 12:3-6)
7. **How does the brief record of His private life bring Him nearer to us?** (Hebrews 2:17)
8. **Who said the following things? Also state to whom it was said and under what cir-**

**cumstances?** (Use a concordance to find the answers.)

*"Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel."*

*"Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God."*

*"I find no fault in this Man."*

*"How knoweth this Man letters, having never learned?"*

*"Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet."*

*"I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood."*

*"We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write."*

*"Never man spake like this Man."*

*"Certainly this was a righteous Man."*

*"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

*"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"*

*"He that cometh after me is preferred before me."*

*"From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah*