

January Memory Verse

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Big Picture Question

Why was Jesus born?

Jesus was born to rescue us.

- **Day One: John the Baptist told people about Jesus.**
- **Day Two: John the Baptist baptized Jesus.**
- **Day Three: Jesus obeyed God.**
- **Day Four: Jesus told people that the Kingdom of heaven was near.**
- **Day Five: Jesus chose friends to help him help people.**

Day one: 3:1-12

Things to know:

-The pharisees and sadducees were important Jewish religious groups. They helped to think about what it meant to be a good follower of God

Discussion questions:

-What does it mean to repent? Why would that be important to do if the kingdom of heaven is near?

-What does it mean to produce good fruit?

-What is "the kingdom of heaven?"

Quiz yourself:

-What did John baptize with? What did he say Jesus would baptize with?

-What did people do before John baptized them?

Day Two- 3:13-17

- **John the Baptist baptized Jesus.**
- **Jesus is God's son.**

Discussion questions:

- What does it mean to you that Jesus thought it important for him to be baptized?
- How do you think Jesus felt during the supernatural reaction to his baptism?

Quiz Yourself:

- What did the voice from heaven say?
- What was John's first reaction to Jesus?

Day Three- 4:1-11

- **Jesus obeyed God.**

Discussion Questions:

- Why were these temptations?
- Why do you think Jesus was fasting?
- What role does scripture play in dealing with temptation?

Quiz Yourself:

- Who tempted Jesus?
- What were the three temptations?

Day Four- 4:12-17

- **Jesus told people that the Kingdom of heaven was near.**

Discussion Questions:

- Read Isaiah 9, and what does the full context of that passage say about Jesus?

Quiz Yourself:

- What did Jesus preach? Who else recently preached that?
- What happened to John?

Day Five- 4:18-25

- **Jesus chose friends to help him help people.**
- **Jesus taught and healed sick people.**

Discussion Questions:

- What does it say that these people left their life behind immediately?
- Why do you think word about Jesus spread?

Quiz Yourself:

- Who were the first people Jesus called?
- What things did Jesus do for people?