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JESUS OUR SAVIOR

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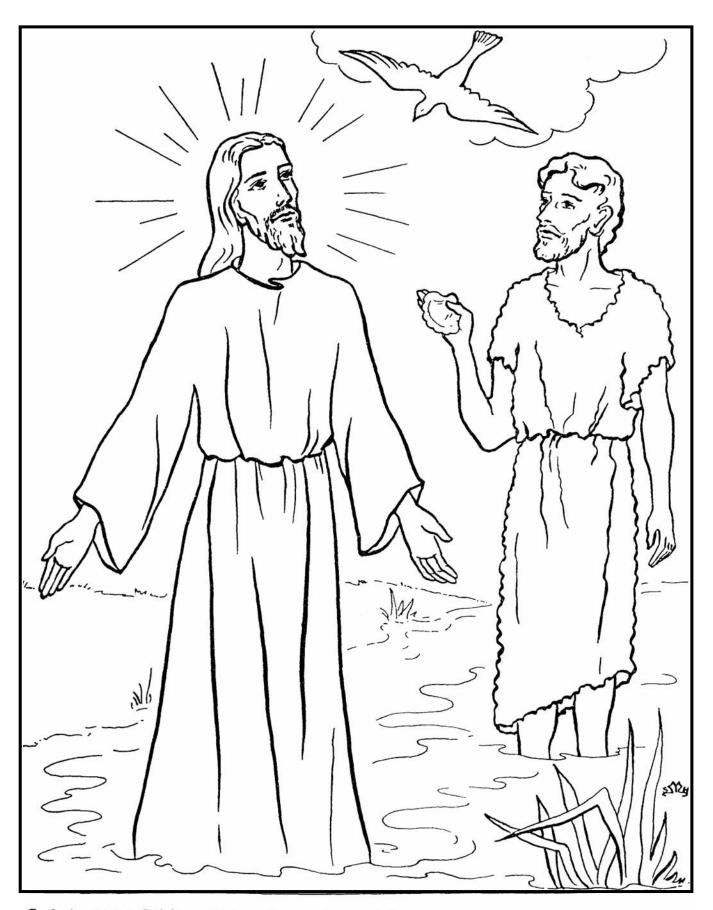
JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

Jesus lived in the little town of Nazareth until He was thirty years old. Now the time had come for Jesus to start His great work of teaching the people. One day in early spring Jesus kissed His Mother good-by.

Jesus took the long road that led to the Jordan River. John the Baptist was baptizing the people in the Jordan. When he saw Jesus coming he knew Him at once. John looked surprised as Jesus stepped down into the water and asked to be baptized. Jesus did not need to be baptized because He was the Savior.

John said to Jesus, "It is I who ought to be baptized by You, and do You come to me instead?"

When John saw that Jesus really wanted it, he baptized Jesus. Then a beautiful dove came from Heaven and stood still above Jesus. This dove was God the Holy Spirit. John heard the Voice of God the Father from Heaven say, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Now John knew that Jesus was the Son of God.



God the Holy Spirit comes at the baptism of Jesus.

SATAN TEMPTS JESUS

After Jesus was baptized, He went into the desert for forty days. During this time He ate nothing. He prayed to His Heavenly Father every minute. At the end of forty days Jesus was hungry. Satan thought this was his chance; he would tempt Jesus to eat. He showed Jesus some stones and said, "If You are the Son of God, change these stones into bread." But Jesus turned away from Satan.

Satan tried another temptation. He took Jesus to the highest peak of the temple and said, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down to the earth. You will not be hurt because angels will take care of You." But Jesus would not show His power to Satan.

Then Satan tried another plan. He showed Jesus all the world and its glory. He said to Jesus, "I will give You all this if You will fall down and adore me."

Jesus became very angry. He said to Satan, "Go away! It is written, 'the Lord your God shall you adore, and Him only shall you serve.'"

After Satan left, angels came and helped Jesus.



Satan tells Jesus to turn stones into bread.