

DISCUSSION GUIDE

MATTHEW 3:1-12 & 13-17

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Isaiah 40

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 3:17

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him
I am well pleased.”

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



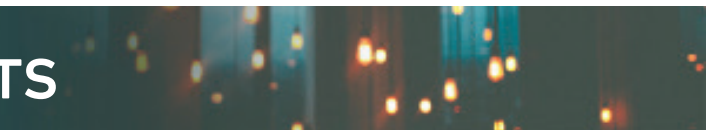
1. Who was John the Baptist?
2. What did he tell the people they should do?
3. Who did he say was coming?
4. Why did Jesus go to see John the Baptist?
5. What happened when he was baptized?
6. Why do you think it was so important for Jesus to be baptized?
7. What do you think it means for you and me to be baptized?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



1. According to this passage, what is baptism and what things go along with it?
2. Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist? What does this show us about Jesus?
3. Who is baptism for?
4. Challenge: This week, read Isaiah 40.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS



1. Why do you suppose Jesus came to John purposely to be baptized by him?
2. What does the explanation, “It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” mean?
3. Some Christians think that the purpose for Jesus’ baptism was to set an example for the rest of us to also be baptized. Do you agree? If not, what does God want us to take away from the story of Jesus’ baptism?