



## **God's Son is Baptized**

How does it make you feel when a teacher praises the project you spent so much time on? How does it make you feel when a coach tells you how proud they are of your hard work? How does it make you feel when a parent tells you how pleased they are by your good behavior? It feels amazing, right? Unfortunately, because of sin, God couldn't say those things to the people of this world. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned against him. We have to admit that we have also disobeyed God and sinned against him.

God is holy. That means that he can't praise disobedience. He isn't proud of sinners. He'll never be pleased when people turn their backs and walk away from him.

When God's Son, Jesus, came to this world, he was just like us in so many ways. He had eyes and fingers and feet, just like us. He got hungry and tired and sad, just like us.

But Jesus was different from us in one very important way. He never disobeyed God. He never sinned against any of God's commands. Jesus was perfect and holy in every way.

That's why, when Jesus was baptized, God could praise Jesus and shout from heaven how proud he was of him: "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

Well, that might be amazing for Jesus, but how does it help sinners like us? Here's some really good news. When you were baptized, you were connected personally to Jesus. His perfection became your perfection. His holiness became your holiness.

Imagine Jesus wearing a pure, white robe, without a single stain or spot on it. Then imagine him taking that robe and wrapping it snugly around you. That's what happened when you were baptized

Now, when God the Father looks at you, he doesn't see any spots or stains or sins. He sees the perfect life of Jesus. That means that God can (and does) look at you now and say, "This is my son/daughter, whom I love. I am well pleased with him/her."

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- You were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How do you see all three persons of the Trinity) at work in today's Bible reading?
- Describe the trade that Jesus made with us. What did he take from us? What did he give to us?

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**Parents:**

Some ideas of how you can help your children remember their Baptism include:

- Celebrate your Child's Baptismal Birthday each year with a small party.
- Look at pictures of their special day
- Say a prayer of thanksgiving with your children to thank God for their Baptism and ask God to help them to always please Him with what they say and do.