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START

How to Play (Have a game for as many adults in the room ex: teacher and assistant have two games going so more kids can play – teacher or assistant can ask questions while kids play) Based on number of games being played split the kids into groups of equal numbers. If necessary ask an older student to be the question asker.

Have one die for each game. Tell children to place each of their game pieces on start. Have each student roll a die and move forward the number of spaces they roll. If they land on a positive number, they move that many spaces forward too. If they land on a negative number, they move that many spaces back. After each move they are asked a question. Don't penalize students for wrong answers, just correct the misunderstanding. First one to the end wins.

If only one child in class, you can be the other player and move a piece as well but the child gets to answer all the questions. As you can see, this is primarily a way to review the lesson with the students. It's also a way to make sure the concepts from the story are explained so the students can understand.

Matthew 3:13-17 (New International Version)

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Questions to ask:

Read Matthew 3:13-17 from the Bible out loud.

- 1) From the story, how did John the Baptizer react when Jesus asked to be baptized? (He tried to stop Jesus saying in fact Jesus needed to baptize John)
- 2) Why did Jesus come to John the Baptizer? (to be baptized by John)
- 3) Name 2 characters from the story. (Jesus and John)
- 4) What type of bird was mentioned that the Holy Spirit was like in the story? (dove)
- 5) What did the Holy Spirit do? (descend or come down and land or lighting on Jesus)
- 6) What actually came down from heaven according to verse 16? (Spirit of God/ Holy Spirit)
- 7) What did God say after Jesus was baptized? (God was happy "well pleased" and/or that "this is My Son")
- 8) Why did Jesus get baptized? ("To fulfill all righteousness")
- 9) What does "fulfill all righteousness" mean? (follow the requirements God has set out to be right with God)
- 10) What river was Jesus baptized in? (Jordan)
- 11) Why was God happy with Jesus? (because Jesus obeyed and wanted to "fulfill all righteousness")
- 12) It says Jesus went up OUT of the water, does that mean He was first put in the water? (YES)
- 13) Was Jesus sprinkled with water or fully immersed (put under the water)? (fully immersed)
- 14) Did Jesus obey God? (YES) How do we know? (God was well pleased when Jesus was baptized)
- 15) What are two ways we can follow Jesus? (Be baptized when we are old enough, read the Bible and do the things that make God happy that we read about in the Bible, go to worship services on Sunday, etc.)
- 16) From this story who is Jesus? (God's Son)
- 17) When Jesus was baptized where did the Spirit of God come from? (heaven opened)