

**Kidz World's
Church at Home
'NOT NORMAL' – Jesus is Baptized**

FUN TIME: “Floatacious”

What You Need: A small tub, a plastic plate, water and pop cans

What You Will Do: *Prepare a small tub of water. Set a plastic plate in the tub (make sure it floats!) and set out five empty pop cans. Have your children take turns and tell them they each have one minute to try and build a tower of cans that floats by stacking the cans on top of each other and on top of the plastic plate. For younger kids, they only need to stack three cans. For older kids, challenge them to try and stack five cans. The tower has to stand for five seconds.*

BIBLE TIME:

This is a very not normal thing to do with soda cans and water, isn't it? Today, we're continuing our series called Not Normal! We're learning about Jesus' life and how He was not-so-normal. Now let's take a look in our Bible story and see a time Jesus was in the water, and something not normal happened!

READ: Matthew 3:11-17

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.

1. What did Jesus want John to do?
2. What happened after Jesus came up out of the water?
3. What do you think everyone thought when they heard that? Do you think people were surprised?
4. Why do you think being baptized was so important to Jesus?
5. Why do people get baptized?

REAL TIME: Jesus came to Earth and was born as a human, but He was not a normal human. Jesus' baptism was a very special time and God also used it as a hint for people to know that **Jesus is God**.

Water Baptism is something people do to tell others that they have repented (turned away) from their sins and they are now following Jesus. It is a symbol of what Jesus has done in their lives. Jesus set an example for us and then said His followers should also be baptized.

Read Matthew 3:17 (NKJV). Jesus always wanted to please the Father. John started off challenging Jesus about baptizing Him. John said Jesus should be the one baptizing him. But Jesus insisted that this was what needed to be done. It was important to Him to set this example and do the right thing to honor God. We must do the same. We should always want to please God. Because Jesus is God, He shows us the way to live and gives us the ability to choose the right things to do.

Let's choose to not be normal so we can hear the same thing Jesus heard in our Memory Verse. Let's pray now and ask God for His help.

PRAYER TIME: “Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be our example. Help us to live not normal lives so we can please You. In Jesus' Name, amen!”

“And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’” ~ Matthew 3:17 (NKJV)