

Mark Chapter 1 — John the Baptist, Baptism and calling the disciples

In Chapter 1 of Mark's Gospel, we meet John the Baptist, who tells people to get ready for Jesus. John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River, and God shows that Jesus is his beloved Son. Jesus goes into the desert, where he is tempted, but he stays faithful to God. Then Jesus begins teaching people about God's Kingdom and invites fishermen to follow him and become his disciples. Jesus teaches in the synagogue, heals people who are sick, and helps those who are suffering. Many people begin to follow Jesus because they see his love, kindness, and power. Jesus shows us that God is near and wants to be part of our lives.

Talk about these questions together as a family. Take turns sharing your thoughts, listen to one another, and discover how Jesus' teachings can help your family grow in faith and show God's love in everyday life.

1. If you could meet Jesus, what would you like to ask him?

2. Jesus invited the fishermen to follow him. If Jesus asked you to follow him, what do you think that would look like in your everyday life?

3. Jesus helped people who were sick or suffering. What are some ways our family can help people who are hurting or need a friend?

4. Jesus took time to pray and be with God. When and where do you like to pray or talk with God?

5. If someone watched our family for a day, what might they see us do that shows we are followers of Jesus?