



## Week of February 12 - a

### Scripture: Mt 3:13-17

**Main Idea:** When we obey God, he is very pleased. Even his son Jesus whom he sent to earth to live perfect and die for us was obedient. Jesus is baptized here, not because he needed it, but as an example to us of following God. It is a wonderful pure moment where God the father, the son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all three seen separate but in perfect harmony (as they always are).

#### Questions

**Preschool:** When Jesus was on earth, he did what his father (God) told him to. How do you think that made God feel? (A: proud, "I am well pleased") Do you think God is proud of you when you do what you are supposed to do (obey)?

**Grade school:** Why did Jesus get baptized? Because he was sent to earth to live as a man and to go to heaven you need to be baptized? Was it to be a humble example for us to follow? What would you have thought, if you had been there to see the Spirit come down on Jesus as a dove and hear God the Father from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased?"

**Teen:** Jesus always obeyed God. Being baptized was surely easier to obey than death on the cross. Do you find it easier to obey some things, and harder to obey others? How so? The Christian has God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit to help them in their obedience. How does each part help us?

**Adult:** Have there been points in your life when you felt that God was particularly pleased with you and your actions? What was your response? What about times when he was displeased? What steps are you taking to reduce those times he is displeased?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

Thanking God for how good he is and asking Him to help us remember how proud of us he is when we obey Him.

#### February Memory Verse:

**Psalm 16:1-2 (ESV)**

**Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**



## Week of February 12 - b

### Scripture: Mt 4:1-4

**Main Idea:** Jesus now begins his ministry and is in the wilderness 40 days. He fasts during this time. At the end of these 40 days, we can imagine how hungry he must have been. **Satan tempts him with food and by questioning if he really is the “Son of God.”** Jesus answers Satan by quoting scripture. The scripture is from Deut 8:3 when God gave the Israelites manna to eat in the wilderness but wanted them to know that it wasn’t just food that they needed to survive, but that true survival comes from knowing God provides us everything we ever need.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Is it important to feed our body with God’s Word, not just food? And what book is God’s Word? (A: The Bible)

**Grade school:** Was the devil trying to get Jesus to ‘show off’ and turn the stones into bread? He says, ‘if you are the son of God.’ What kind of nourishment do we gain from God’s Word? A: Spiritual

**Teen:** Who is our “tempter?” When Jesus was tempted, what did he use to fight the temptation? We need food to survive, but something is even more important to our health (and wellbeing). What is our greatest need?

**Adult:** Have you ever been very hungry? How long had it been since you had eaten? Now place yourself in Jesus’ shoes. Jesus knew he could turn stones into bread before Satan quoted the scripture. Do you suppose the hunger was worse on day 40 when Satan was tempting Jesus than on day 39 when Jesus was alone? Why?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

Thanking God for all the physical ways he helps us stay alive, and all the other (spiritual) needs he supplies.

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