

What trade did Jesus learn?

As Jesus grew, He worked in Joseph's carpentry shop. He learned to use tools such as a saw, a hammer and an adze, a cutting tool similar to an axe. In Bible times, a carpenter's chief work was making furniture, doors, fence posts and handles for farm tools.



Who was John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. Before the time he was

born, his parents knew he had been chosen by God for a special job. When he grew up, John went to live by himself in the wilderness, to listen for God's words. All he had to eat were the foods he could gather, locust pods and wild honey. He made his own clothing from camel's hair, as the prophet Elijah of old had done. It was not an easy life, but the Lord gave John an important message. The young man began preaching, and many people went out to the desert to hear him.

"Repent!" John told them. "Change your hearts and lives, for the kingdom of heaven is coming soon! Turn away from the wrong things you do and be baptized. Let God cleanse you of your sins."

Many who heard asked God to forgive their sin. They wanted John to baptize them to show that their hearts had been changed.

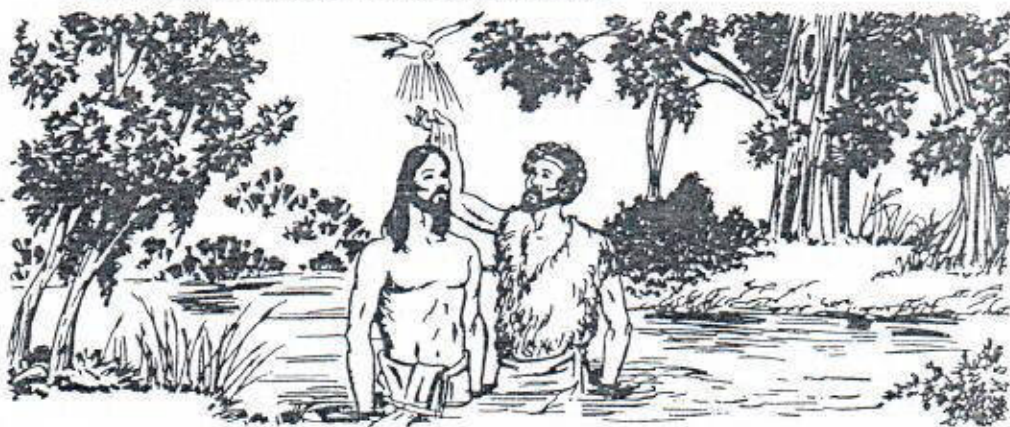
What special job did John the Baptist do?

When people heard John the Baptist preach, many thought he was the Messiah who would save Israel. But John told them he was only a messenger who announced the coming of someone much greater. "My job is to baptize you with water," John said. "But God is sending someone who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. He will save those people who are like good grain, but he will destroy those who are trash in the grain."

One day, Jesus came out to the wilderness to be baptized. John stared into His face. "Lord, why do You come to me? I should be baptized by You!"

But Jesus answered, "Let us do this, John, to be right in all things."

So John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.



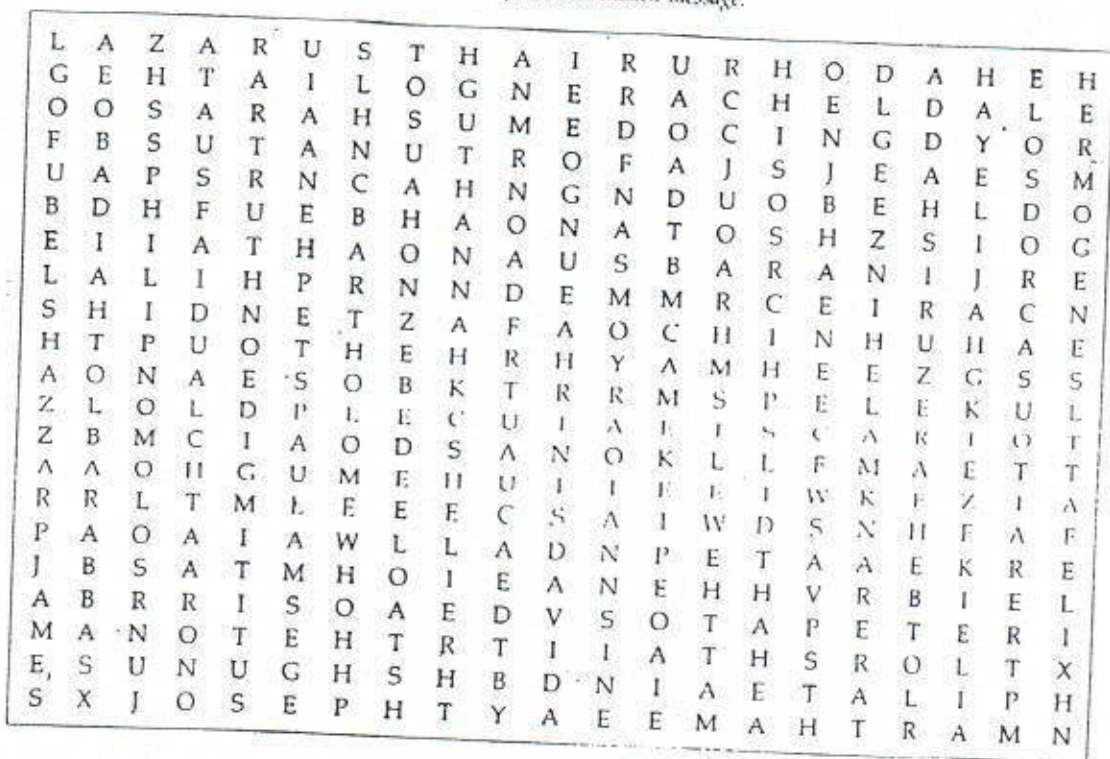
How did God show His pleasure at Jesus' baptism?

In being baptized, Jesus showed that He was ready to do His Father's work. As He came up out of the water, the sky above opened. Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down in the form of a dove.

The dove rested on Jesus' head, and a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son and I love Him. I am well pleased with Him today."

WHO'S WHO IN THE BIBLE

The Bible contains the names of many people who took part in the events recorded there. Listed below are both familiar and unfamiliar names written into the Bible; they can be found forward, backward, up, down and diagonally in the puzzle. The unused letters spell out a hidden message.



AARON
ABRAHAM
ADAM
ANNA
BARABBAS
BARTHOLOMEW
BELSHAZZAR
CAIAPHAS
CLAUDIA
CYRUS
DANIEL
DAVID
DORCAS
ELIJAH
ELISABETH

EZEKIEL
FELIX
FESTUS
FORTUNATUS
GABRIEL
GIDEON
GOLIATH
HANNAH
HERMOGENES
HEROD
IMMANUEL
ISAIAH
ISCARIOT
JAMES
JOHN

JOSEPH
KEDAR
KEZIA
LAZARUS
LEVI
LUKE
MARK
MARTHA
MATTHEW
NATHAN
NICODEMUS
NOAH
OBADIAH
PAUL
PETER

PHILIP
PILATE
RACHEL
RHODA
RUTH
SARAH
SOLOMON
STEPHEN
THOMAS
TIMOTHY
TITUS
URIAH
ZEBEDEE
ZACHARIAH
ZURISHADDA