

# Jesus, the One and Only

## Theme

Jesus is God's one-and-only, chosen Son.

## Object

A cheap watch

## Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Selling cheap, fake designer purses, sunglasses, and watches has become a multi-million dollar business. Whether it be on the street corner or an online store, lots of people make money selling deceptive products.

Do any of you know what a Rolex is? (Pause for responses.) A Rolex is a fancy watch brand that is very expensive. At first glance, a fake Rolex watch might seem like a good deal. (Hold up the watch and pass it around to kids.) After all, a real Rolex would cost thousands of dollars, and a fake one would cost just a few dollars. What's the big deal? Who will know the difference? (Pause for responses.)

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Well, after a few weeks, the imitation Rolex no longer keeps time. Oh well, it still looks good, you can wear it as a bracelet. But soon the finish begins to rub off and it isn't very pretty. Suddenly, what seemed like a good deal no longer seems like such a good deal after all!

- Have you ever seen a fake brand or object that looked like the real thing? Explain.
- How could you tell the difference between the fake version and the real version of the item you mentioned?

Buying an imitation watch might not be a great loss. After all, it only costs a few dollars. But when it comes to your relationship with God, it is important to put your faith in the only real Savior, Jesus. There is much more at stake than money. That's because Jesus is the only way to heaven. Many people have claimed to be God or the Messiah, and there are false teachers who claim to know the way to heaven. But Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

In the Bible, many wondered if John the Baptist was God's Son, but John was quick to correct people, saying there was One who would come who was more powerful than him, and whose sandal straps he wasn't worthy to untie.

John the Baptist later baptized Jesus, and the Holy Spirit came to Jesus in the form of a dove, as a loud voice said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus is God's one-and-only Son, so we must put our faith in Him alone and watch out for fake teachers. We'll learn more about that today.

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus as Your one-and-only Son to save us. Please help us to look out for people trying to imitate Him and deceive us. We put our faith in Jesus alone. In Jesus' name, amen.

Interactive Group Activities  
by Carol Williams

**Sermon Title:** "Jesus, the One and Only"

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE:** Let the children take turns in leading the group to follow their example—such as hopping or skipping around the room, crawling under the pews, or singing a song.

**SIMON SAYS:** Choose a leader and play SIMON SAYS to listen carefully to what SIMON says to do, but if SIMON doesn't say to do it, then children will stand still until the next command. Choose different leaders unless the teacher leads the game.

**CUT OUT WHAT I DO:** Give the children paper and scissors and let them cut as the leader cuts—one snip at a time in following their "example". See if children all come out with the same cut out at the end. Let others have a turn leading the cutting example as time allows.

**DRAW WHAT I DRAW:** Have one child at a time go to the chalkboard and draw a line to be a part of a picture. The other classmates will try to draw the "example" on a piece of paper. Each child will have a turn adding something to the drawing. When everyone has had a turn, let the children show their drawing and see how closely it matches the drawing on the board.

**BIBLE DISPLAY:** Give each of the children a piece of black or brown construction paper and a sheet of plain white paper. Draw the shape of an open Bible on the colored and cut it out. Draw and cut out the same shape, except slightly smaller on the white sheet of paper and glue it to the black sheet. On the white sheet, the children will write, JESUS IS THE ONE AND ONLY. Display the art work on the classroom wall.

**LETTER HUNT:** Hide letters around the room to spell out JESUS IS THE ONE AND ONLY. Let children find the letters and then lay the letters on the classroom table in the correct order and then tape the letters onto a large piece of poster board.

**BIBLE VERSE ART:** Let the children draw the shape of a cloud on a piece of poster board and glue some cotton around the edges. Write today's Bible verse on the cloud and let them take it home to hang on the wall in their room.

**IMITATION OR REAL:** Bring some "play money" to class and let the children glue or tape the play money to a piece of construction paper. Write on the construction paper REAL OR IMITATION? DON'T BE FOOLED. JESUS IS THE REAL THING!

**GIANT MONEY:** Provide a piece of green construction paper to each child and cut in half to make the paper look like money. Let children draw on their pretend "money" to look like a dollar bill. Write around the edges and in the middle, etc... FAITH IN GOD, GOD IS REAL, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE," etc.

**SING A SONG:** TO BE LIKE JESUS; FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

**SNACK TIME:** Have some BRAND NAME and GENERIC cookies (Oreos, for example) or COKE and GENERIC soda and let the children do a blind taste test and see if they can determine which is the REAL THING.

**Song: "To Be Like Jesus" Traditional**

Words and Music (pdf)



MP3 Accompaniment Track

**Song: "Footsteps of Jesus" Mary B. Slade & Asa B. Everett**

Words and Music (pdf)



MP3 Accompaniment Track

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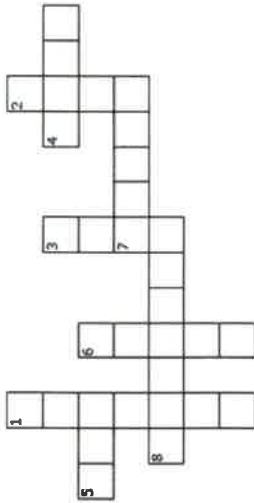
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# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- The name of the man who baptized Jesus
- A male offspring
- The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords
- To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head

SON	DOVE	BAPTIZE	SANDALS
LOVE	JOHN	WATER	VOICE

## DOWN

- A shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
- A deep feeling of affection for a person
- A bird often used as a symbol of peace
- Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

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### Word Search Puzzle

U A P Q Y B U M L J H F Z G J  
 J O H N N V A M V Z I D I P T  
 Q J R F J F K P D L T K O R W  
 P E O P L E H E T I J G Q V E  
 C H R I S T N B R I A U V K E  
 P N S Y N E D I X M Z X L V G  
 C K M X P R P L L F M E Z D L  
 C J J O W S T M X D U T D M V  
 M H M Y X A Z C A E Z W V U M  
 H E T F Q Z T K P R A Y I N G  
 O A C T T A T E J E S U S P P  
 L V G W Z R U H R V O I C E T  
 Y E O U M D W Q X G R E W R K  
 Z N P N F W H N C V X P R A Q  
 L P O W E R F U L B F F P B E

PEOPLE	BAPTIZE	DOVE	PRAYING	FIRE
POWERFUL	JOHN	OPENED	SPIRIT	VOICE
CHRIST	WATER	HOLY	HEAVEN	JESUS

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# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
F	K	A	G	I	H	B	E	W	V	Y	T	M	C	D	S	X	Z	Q	J	U	O	R	N	L	P

- 7-3-26-12-5-18-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-3-12-8-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-22-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-22-25-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-5-23-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-22-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-22-5-14-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-8-3-10-8-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-22-10-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-26-5-23-5-12 \_\_\_\_\_

HEAVEN	HOLY	SON	WATER	LOVE
BAPTIZE	VOICE	FIRE	SPIRIT	DOVE



# Coloring Page



John Baptizes Jesus  
Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3

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