

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

New Testament Lesson #10

One day, when John was baptizing in the Jordan River, Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by him. John tried to reason with Jesus, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus knew that it was the right thing to do, and replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." So Jesus went down into the Jordan, and John baptized him.

As Jesus was coming out of the water after being baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit of God like a dove descended on Jesus. Then a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- John's job was to prepare the hearts of the people to respond to Jesus' message when he appeared. He called for the people to repent (turn from sin) and dedicate themselves to God. If they were willing to examine themselves, confess and turn from past sins, he would baptize them as a way to demonstrate their repentance.
- Parallel accounts of Jesus' baptism also appear in Mark 1:9-11 and Luke 3:21-22.
- It is unlikely that John knew his cousin Jesus by sight since Jesus grew up in Nazareth and John spent his life in the desert (Luke 1:80).
- John knew that Jesus was the one the believers had been waiting for.

The Baptism of Jesus

- I. John was baptizing people in the Jordan River.
 - A. Jesus wanted to be baptized.
 - B. John declined, saying Jesus should baptize John.

- II. Jesus said it was proper for John to baptize Jesus.
 - A. John baptized Jesus.
 - B. Afterward, the Spirit of God descended on Jesus, and a voice said that Jesus was a beloved Son.

ANSWER KEY:

To be baptized

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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Answer each statement by marking true or false. Write the remaining letters on the lines below.

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2. John lived in the desert.
3. John was fishing at the Jordan River.
4. John's mother was Elizabeth.
5. John's father was Zechariah.
6. Jesus traveled to the Jordan by train.
7. Jesus' mother was Mary.
8. John liked to have fancy clothes.
9. Jesus grew up in Texas.
10. John preached to the people before Jesus.
11. John was a shepherd.
12. John ate locusts and wild honey.

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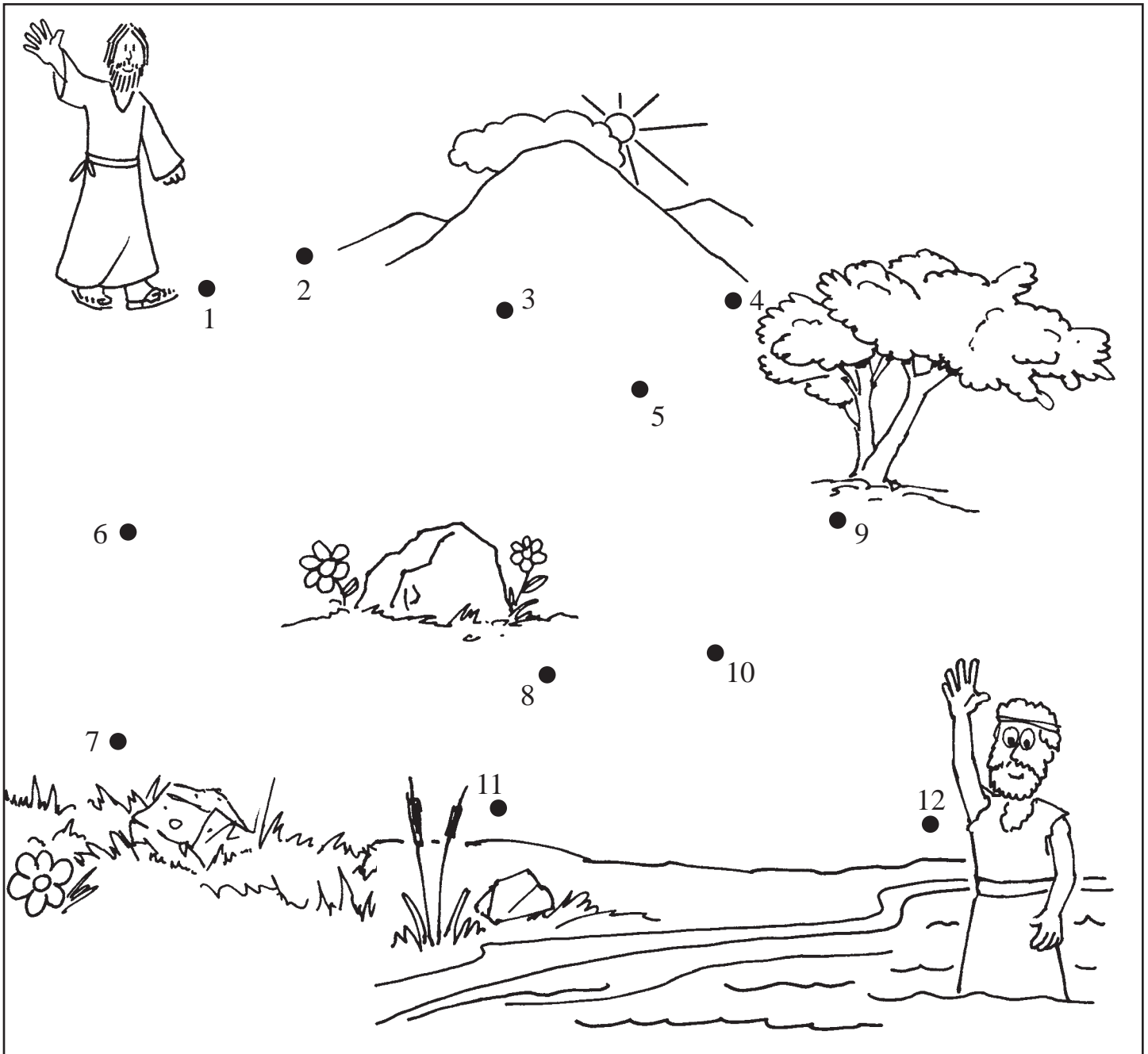
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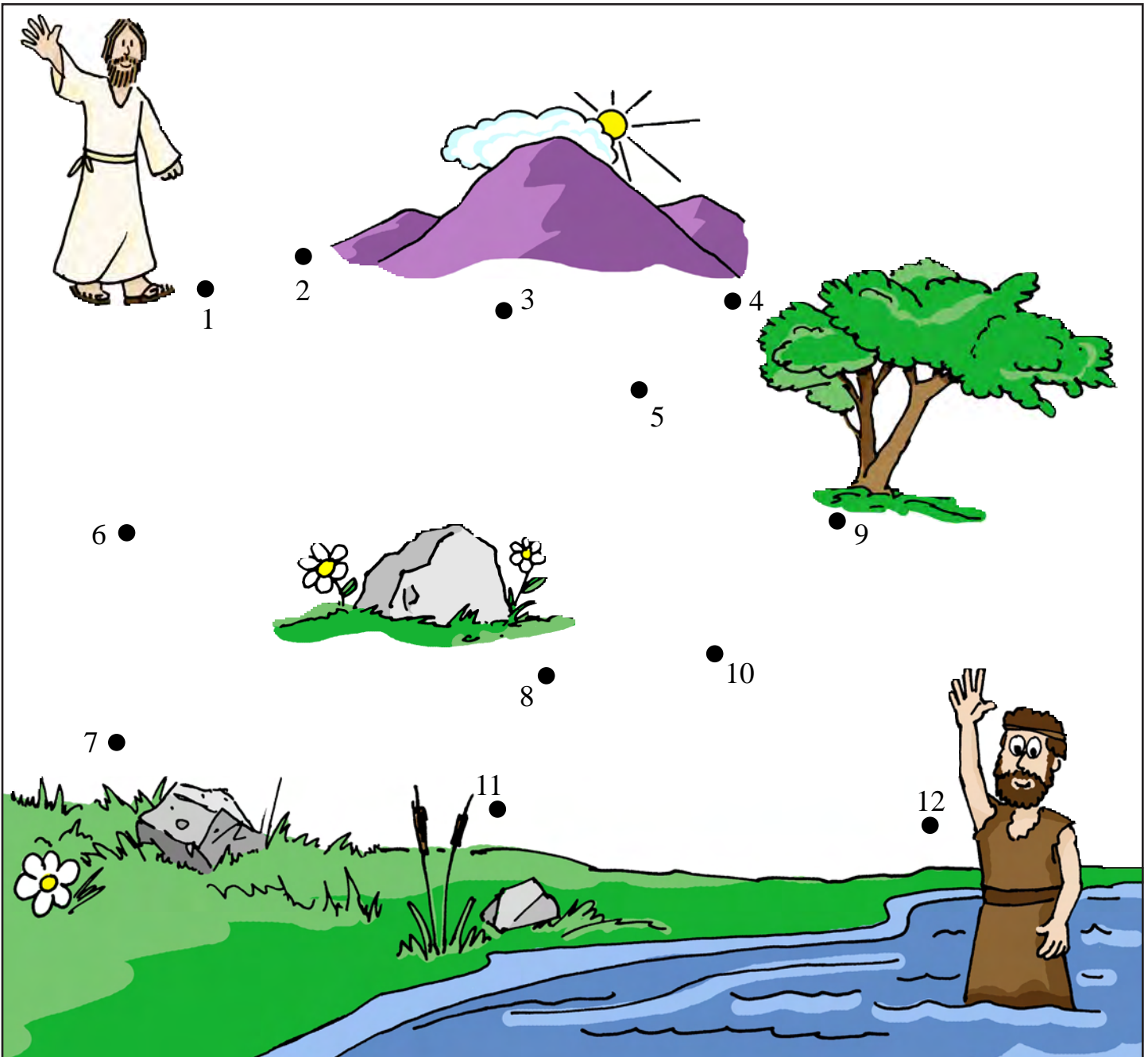
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