

# FAMILY PAGE | Lesson 1: God

**Bible Basis:** Genesis 1–2; Luke 3

**Key Verse:** 2 Corinthians 13:14: “May the love that God has given us be with you.”

**Key Question:** Who is God?

**Key Idea:** I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Resource:** *Believe Kids’ Edition*, Chapter 1, “God”

## How to Use This Page

This week, your family can either read the story from *Believe Kids’ Edition* or read the Bible Basis passages from your Bible to help your child remember the lesson. Use the Table Talk questions below to start a discussion around the dinner table, while driving in the car, or just about anywhere. The Living Faith activity is designed to remind your child of the Bible lesson through a drama or other engaging activity. The Extra Mile idea provides interactive ways for your child to connect with the story.

## Table Talk

1. We can’t see the Holy Spirit or the molecules of hydrogen and oxygen in our water, but we know they’re there. What are some other things we know are real even though we can’t see them? (The wind, the feeling of being loved, etc.)
2. What are some things that you like about God the Father? God the Son? God the Holy Spirit?
3. What can we do to take good care of God’s creation? (Recycle, throw trash away, etc.)
4. What’s something you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you with this week?

## Living Faith

### Option 1

Encourage your child to make a music video of Jesus’ baptism. Your child will need to choose an appropriate song (either with lyrics or instrumental) and

represent the story artistically, without speaking. Recruit siblings to help act out different parts. Tap your child's creativity when it comes to elements like the river or the dove. Record the final performance and share it electronically with friends and family.

### Option 2

Have your child pretend to be a news reporter or journalist and interview family or friends. Have your child ask different people about their baptism (whether they were old enough to remember it, what it means to them, or whether they will get baptized if they haven't been) and then write it into a newspaper article or blog.

### Extra Mile

- Work together to memorize this week's Bible verse. Each day of the week, practice the verse in a different way, such as writing it, typing it, saying it out loud, meditating on it, or learning it in sign language.
- This week your child learned that John the Baptist taught people to live God's way—and that means being kind, generous, and fair. Celebrate these qualities in your family by having your child create a "brag board." Use a sheet/board of poster to create a three-column chart labeled "Kind," "Generous," and "Fair." Encourage your child's creativity in decorating the board using markers, computer printouts, stickers, family photos, etc. Be on the lookout for examples of this godly behavior in your family that you can post on the board together. The only rule? You can't brag about yourself!
- Create a family baptism scrapbook. Gather photos, certificates, church bulletins, and other keepsakes from the special day. Write or print Bible verses to embellish the pages. If your child has not yet been baptized, you may want to label a page for that day to build anticipation.
- As a family, read together Matthew 14, which recounts the death of John the Baptist. What character traits might John have demonstrated before his death? How did Jesus react to John's death? Discuss how Jesus might have felt after hearing about John's death.