

## TALKING POINTS:

Share the following points with your students:

### Heavenly endorsement

When Jesus came up from the water, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. This is the Holy Spirit's stamp of approval on Jesus. God was telling the world Jesus is the Messiah—God incarnate who had come to earth to rescue human beings.

If that weren't enough, God the Father spoke in a voice all could hear, declaring Jesus as his Son and his pleasure with him. God—three in one—declared to the world that nothing would ever be the same. God the Son has come with the power of the Holy Spirit and the approval of the Father to save the world.

### Who is Jesus?

Ever wonder if Jesus was really God? Ever wish God would just tell you—just stick his head out of the clouds and tell you the truth? He did. Right here, when Jesus was baptized, what so many wish for actually happened: God spoke. Later Peter recalled this event and reminded his readers the account of the power and coming of Jesus Christ wasn't just a cleverly invented story. Peter and others were eyewitnesses of this incredible moment when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, and God spoke aloud so all could hear (2 Peter 1:16-18). And the event was recorded in Scripture for us to read.

At times we may wonder if God is real and Jesus is the Savior of the world. But this passage and many others provide evidence of God and his work.

## REAL-LIFE CONNECTION: Godly confidence

Say to your students—

If you ever wonder about Jesus, who he is and if he can be trusted, remember eyewitnesses wrote the Bible. This week, review the evidence. Read the gospel of John and then the first chapter of 1 John.

During your prayer times, confess your lack of trust and ask God to give you confidence in him.