

# 01 SON OF GOD

KEY TEXT: MARK 1:1-23

## CENTRAL truth

**Jesus is the Son of God, the promised Savior!** He was baptized by John the Baptist with God and the Holy Spirit present, then spent forty days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Because He resisted, He is still our sinless deliverer!

## key question

**Jesus experienced all the kinds of temptations and trials that we go through. How can this change the way we interact with Him?**

Because Jesus understands what it's like to experience temptation, we can be open and honest with Him. We don't have to pretend we don't struggle. Because He was able to resist temptation, we can depend on Him to help us resist temptation as well. All we have to do is look for the way out that God has promised (see 1 Cor. 10:13), and take it.

## keep in mind

- Some students may realize they have not been biblically baptized as you study this week's lesson. Make sure they know they can come to you with questions about being baptized, but don't ask them about it during class. Some may have been raised in a denomination that handles baptism differently, and you don't want to embarrass them.
- The idea of Jesus being driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit Who might be confusing to some students. Remind them that Jesus has existed with God the Father and the Holy Spirit since the beginning of time. He was there when the plan of redemption was formed and He participated willingly. He wasn't forced—He was led.

## application

**Why is baptism important? What are some steps a person might need to take to be ready for baptism?**

## the win

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Students are often afraid to admit they struggle with temptation. Knowing Jesus was tempted also should be a big comfort to them!

**FOR THE LEADER:** Emphasize Jesus's identity as the Son of God, our deliverer. Share your own baptism story and how knowing that Jesus was tempted also gives you the confidence you need to approach Him when you struggle.