

# HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 6.

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## The Baptism of Jesus. Mark 1: 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."  
Mark 1: 11.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 9-11. Children's Hymnal 23, 62, 63, 64.

PROVE THAT—We should confess our sins to God, 1 John 1: 9.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 87. What is repentance unto life?

### DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH
Mark 1: 1-11	Matt. 3: 7-17	John 1: 15-28	John 1: 29-34	Acts 2: 36-41	Rom. 6: 1-11	2 Pet. 1: 16-21

**To the Teacher**—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. *Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.*

**Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.**

## HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—Mark, writing for the gentle Roman, begins at once with the public ministry of Christ. Review the events of his life as far as we have read them. Assuming that Christ was thirty years old (Luke 3: 23), his baptism may have taken place in January, A. D. 27.

LESSON PLAN. I. The Prophets Foretelling. vs. 1-3. II. The Herald Proclaiming. vs. 4-8. III. The Spirit Descending. vs. 9-11.

I. THE PROPHETS FORETELLING. 1. Gospel—This verse is like a heading to the whole chapter, or the name on the title-page of a book. The second and third verses are in parenthesis, and may be compared to the motto which is often placed on a title-page. It tells the "good news" about Jesus, that he is the Christ, the Son of God, (Matt. 1: 21). Compare Luke 1: 35; John 1: 34; Mark 15: 39; 1 John 4: 15. 2. The Prophets—R. V., "Isaiah the prophet." Mal. 3: 1 and Isa. 40: 3 are combined. The prophecies of Isaiah were fuller and better known than those of Malachi and therefore Mark names him only. Matt. 11: 10 (Luke 7: 27). Christ himself tells us that John the Baptist is meant by the "Messenger." 3. The voice—Isa. 40: 1. John applies this to himself. John 1: 15, 23. See also Luke 3: 4-6. It is still customary in the East to send out labourers before the carriage, or other convey-

ance of princes and pashas, to level the roads and remove obstructions. There are few roads there suitable for wheeled vehicles. John was six months older than Jesus and began his ministry sooner than he. He sought to prepare men for receiving Christ by announcing that he was coming, and bidding them repent of sin.

II. THE HERALD PROCLAIMING. 4. John—Read about him in Luke 1: 5-20 and 57-80. Mary and Elizabeth were related to each other, the R. V. calls them "kinswomen" (Luke 1: 36), so John and Jesus were "kinsmen." Wilderness—Matt. 3: 1. A rocky region, sparsely cultivated, and used for pasturage. It lay East of Jerusalem towards the Dead Sea. The baptism of repentance—He baptized those who repented of sin, as a sign that they would try to keep themselves free from sin, and so be ready to welcome the Saviour, who would give them the Holy Spirit to cleanse

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