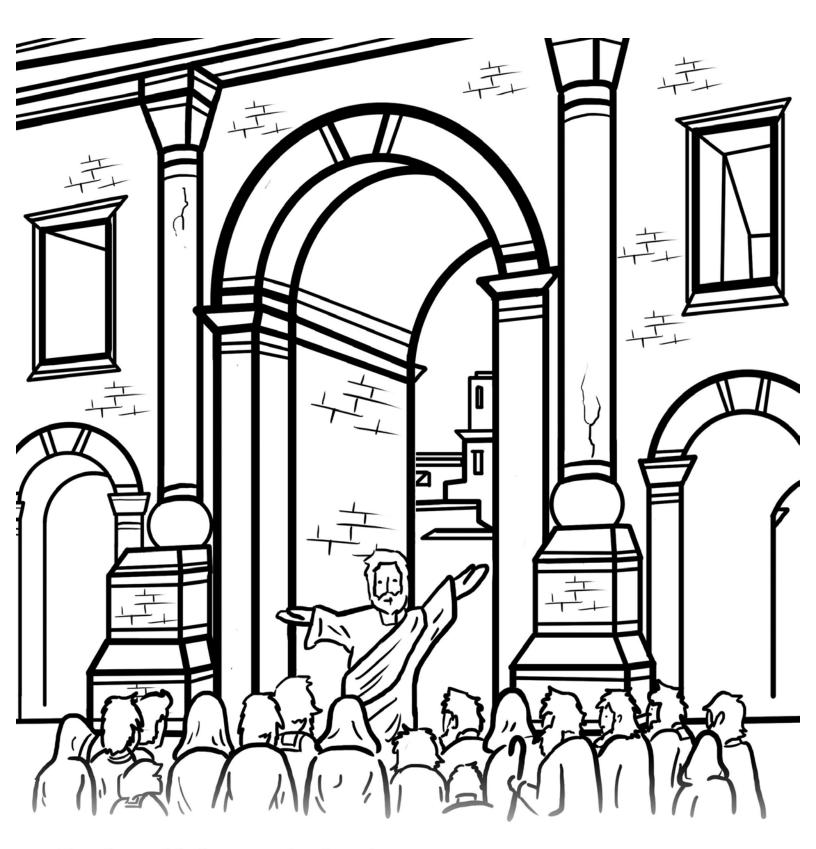




John was preaching and baptizing people in Jordan, urging them to repent their sins and get closer to God.



But he told the people that he was just a messenger preparing the way for someone who would baptize them not with water, but with the Holy Ghost.



Then Jesus, who was just getting ready to start his ministry telling people how wonderful and loving God is, came to John to be baptized.

John said, "This is him!"



When Jesus came out of the water, it was like the heavens opened and the spirit of God poured over him. To those who were watching, it looked like a dove landing on him.



The dove was accompanied by a voice that said "Jesus, you are My Son.

I love you very much and am really proud of you!" God was pleased with

Jesus right from the start, and He's pleased with us right now, too, because
we are also His much loved children.

If you want to read
this story in the Bible,
the Gospel of Mark
tells it at the very
beginning of chapter 1.

