

Luke 2:41-52; 3:1-22;  
Matthew 3

*Remember your creator in the days of your youth.  
Ecclesiastes 12:1*

### Readings this week:

- S Luke 2:41-52
- M Luke 3:1-22
- T Matthew 3
- W Philippians 3:4-14
- Th Romans 6:1-14
- F Galatians 3:26-29
- S 1 Peter 3:21-22

**Jesus' whole life** was dedicated to God and God's purpose. We can use Jesus' life as an example to follow ourselves. In this lesson we will look at how Jesus dedicated his life to God, and think about ways we can do the same.

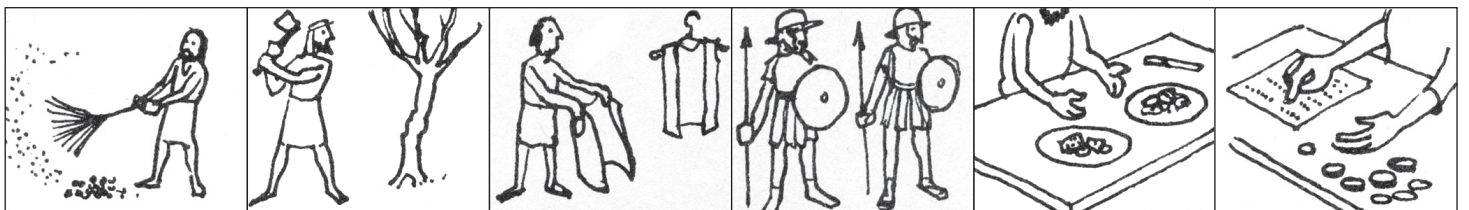
When Jesus was beginning his teens, what was important to him?

What did he learn and where did he learn it?

What discipline did he accept?

**Think about your life.** What things are like Jesus' life when he was young? What things are different?

Discuss the things you think are important. What about your friends?



*Read Luke 3:7-18.*

*Which* four pictures show people whom John told what to do? *What* do the other pictures show?

**Look** at Matthew 3:3-16. What do you think John would ask you and your school friends, if you were in the crowd who came to him at the Jordan to be baptised?

**Why do you think** Jesus was baptised? What did it mean to him?

**Why do you think** people today decide to be baptised? What does it mean to them?

**When** Jesus came out of the river Jordan, he prayed. What do you think his prayer might have included?

Have you ever been to a baptism? Talk in your group about what happens, and why the things are done.

How do you know if you are ready to be baptised?

Do you think it's the same for everyone?

Why?

What do you need to do to be baptised - who would you talk to about it?

Discuss your ideas with your group.

**Digging Deeper**

**What do you know about John the Baptist?**

Look up the passages if you don't know.

- Why was he special? Matthew 3:1-3
- What was special about his birth? Luke 1:5-25
- What did he look like when he grew up? Matthew 3:4
- How did he die? Matthew 14:1-12
- What did Jesus say about John? Matthew 11:10-11
- What did Jesus say about people who try to follow him but don't think they are very good at it? v11

Help me to dedicate all of my life to you.