



Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

As our story begins, Jesus is grown up and ready to start His work on Earth.

His cousin John the Baptist is baptizing people by the Jordan River. Crowds are following John. He wades into the river with each one and blesses them with the water.

John is also telling everyone that the Messiah will come to baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

And one day, there he is- Jesus!  
Jesus is walking into the Jordan River and asking John to baptize him in the water of the Jordan.

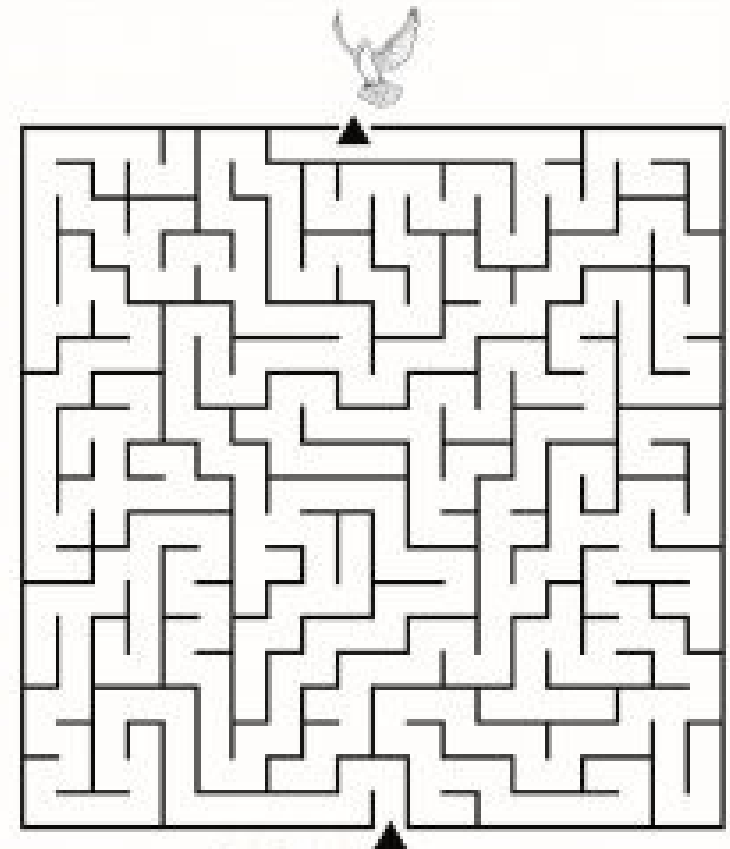
John is nervous. He believes that Jesus should baptize him instead.

But Jesus insists that John needs to baptize Jesus.

As Jesus is being baptized, God sends signs to show that Jesus is His Son. A dove of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, comes down from Heaven to Jesus.

A voice speaks, saying “This is my son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Now the word will begin to spread that the Messiah has come.



Connect Jesus and John the Baptist to the dove.