



LOOK at PICTURES

Show your child pictures of family and friends. Point to the pictures and say things like: “This is your grandmother,” “Here is your friend Ella from church,” or “Can you see your brother in this picture?” Mention that John pointed to Jesus and told people that Jesus was the one sent from God.



Play with a MYSTERY BAG

Fold this paper and place it inside a bag with several other objects. Invite your child to reach into the bag and find an object. Challenge her to figure out what the object is before she pulls it out of the bag. Read aloud the Bible story (reverse side) when she pulls out this paper. Comment that the people did not know who Jesus was until John told them.

BABIES

PLAY with RATTLES

Gather rattles and noisemakers. Sit on the floor to play with your baby. Shake the rattles, and invite your baby to do the same. Comment: “We can hear these rattles make

noise. People listened to John tell the good news about Jesus. We can listen when people tell us about Jesus.” Continue to play with and explore the noisemakers with your child.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

John Told About Jesus

BASED ON MATTHEW 3

WEEKLY VERSE: God loved the world and sent His Son. *John 3:16*

LIFE POINT: People tell about Jesus, God's Son.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story taught that people tell about Jesus. John the Baptist told many people about Jesus, and then he baptized them. John told that Jesus was God's Son.

LIVE IT OUT

Write *Jesus* in the center of a sheet of paper. Give your child markers, crayons, or stickers to decorate the name. Tell your child that people can tell others about Jesus.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God cares about us.

DAILY BIBLE READING

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BABIES

God told John to tell people some important news.

John told the people: "I have good news. Jesus is coming. He will show us how to live like God wants us to live."

John did what God planned for him to do. He told people about Jesus.

1s

A man named John was a preacher; he told people about God and Jesus. God told John to tell people some important news.

John said, "Listen. Someone special is coming. He will teach us and show us how to live the way God wants. His name is Jesus."

Jesus came to John to be baptized (placed under water and brought back up). John baptized Jesus.

2s

A man named John lived in the desert. He was a preacher. He traveled around and told people they should live the way God wanted them to.

John went through the countryside talking to people and telling them to get ready. John said, "Listen. Someone more important than any of us is coming. He, Jesus, will show us that He is the One God promised to send to help us. Jesus will teach us and show us how to live the way God wants."

The people had been waiting a long time for this news.

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VERSE

God loved the world and sent His Son.
—JOHN 3:16

Look at the men below and **CIRCLE** the picture of John from the Bible story.

Who is JOHN?

God gave John a special job. He told people about Jesus. John wore camel hair clothes, ate locusts and wild honey, and lived in the desert.

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Tell About JESUS

Put an **X** in the box beside the pictures where people are telling other people about Jesus.



PEOPLE TELL ABOUT JESUS, GOD'S SON.

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John lived in the desert and wore a leather belt around his waist. His clothes were made of camel hair. He ate locusts and wild honey. God had a special job for John. He wanted John to tell people about Jesus.

People would go out to the wilderness to listen to what John said. He told the people about the good news of Jesus and the right things to do. John baptized people who wanted to obey God. When he baptized someone, he would place the person under the water and quickly bring the person up again.

The people knew that God had promised to send His Son. They wondered if John was the man God promised to send. John said, "I am not the one God promised. Someone more powerful and greater than I will come." John wanted the people to understand that God sent him to tell about Jesus.

John baptized many people. One day Jesus went to the river where John was. John knew that Jesus was God's Son. John baptized Jesus in the river.

After John baptized Jesus, the heavens opened and God's Spirit came down like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son. I am pleased with Him." John did what God planned for him to do. He taught people about Jesus.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

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LIVE IT OUT

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LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God sent Jesus because He cares about us.



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VERSE

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
JOHN 1:29

JOHN WHO?

The Bible tells us that John was born a few months before Jesus and that he was related to Jesus. The Bible also tells a lot more about John. Read the verses and then circle to the correct facts about John.

Luke 1:13

John's parents chose his **name**.
God gave **John** his name.

John 1:23

John told **people** about Jesus in the cities.
John **preached about** Jesus in the wilderness.

Matthew 3:13-15

John baptized people including **Jesus**.
John **was baptized** by Jesus.

Luke 9:7-9

John lived a long life and **helped** many people.
John was killed for following Jesus, **the Savior**.

John was not the promised Messiah, but he was a part of God's plan of salvation. How did God use John in His plan?

(Hint! Look at the bold words found in the correct facts about John.)

FILL IT IN













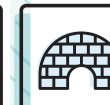
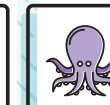


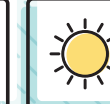
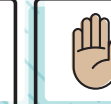

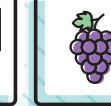
Start at the snowman and follow the maze by going to the image

that begins with the next letter of the answer.

Draw each picture in the empty boxes. The last picture is also the answer to the riddle.

God sent Jesus to be the

START

What bow cannot be tied?



BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

John the Baptist

MATTHEW 3; JOHN 1:29-36

John the Baptist had a special mission: to tell people that Jesus was coming! John traveled around the wilderness of Judea and urged people to turn away from their sins. John also told people about Scriptures that Isaiah wrote many years before. Isaiah had said that God would send someone to save everyone.



John was not like other men. He lived in the wilderness and wore rough, plain clothes woven from camel's hair. He tied a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. People from the city of Jerusalem, all of Judea, and the area near the Jordan River would come to the wilderness to hear John preach. They became sorry for their sins, and John baptized them in the Jordan River.

As the people listened to John, they wondered if he was the Messiah—the One whom they had been waiting for and who would save them. But John explained that he was not the Messiah. John told them, “Someone is coming who is more powerful than I am. I am not worthy to untie His sandals!”

One day at the Jordan River, that special Someone came to see John. It was Jesus! John saw Jesus coming toward him and said to everyone, “Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! He is the One I told you about.”

Jesus asked John to baptize Him. John was surprised and tried to stop Jesus. John said to Him, “I need to be baptized by You! Why have You come to me?”

Jesus explained it was supposed to happen this way. He said, “Allow Me to be baptized. God says this is right.”

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. When Jesus came up from the water, the skies opened, and God's Holy Spirit came down like a dove to Jesus. A voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son. I am pleased with Him!”

The next day John was standing with two of his friends. When Jesus passed by, John said, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 1:29

LIFE POINT: Jesus is the One sent by God to be the only Savior of the world.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

This Bible story teaches that Jesus is the One sent by God to be the only Savior of the world. God sent John before Jesus to help guide people toward the Messiah.

LIVE IT OUT

Read about John the Baptist in all the Gospels—Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-13; Luke 3:1-22; and John 1:1-36. Recall the story of John's birth. (Luke 1:5-25) Remind your child that John was God's plan to tell people that Jesus was the Messiah.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God provided a plan for salvation because He loves me.

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BIBLE READING PLAN

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