

John the Baptist

Lesson 1 of 2

Who was John the Baptist?

Read: "Birth of a Prophet," & "Baptized" in the Action Bible.

Discuss: Who was John the Baptist? Why was he called John the Baptist? What was the purpose of his ministry?

-He was Jesus' cousin. Lept in Elizabeth's womb when Mary told Elizabeth she was carrying Jesus.

- He baptized people unto repentance.

- He was preparing the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World.

Activity #1: Make a desert scene, and write a Bible verse from the story of John the Baptist in Matthew 3.

Materials: Magazines with desert scenes or desert-colored construction

Paper, glue sticks, scissors, black sharpies

Directions:

1. Tear out desert scenes and glue them to construction paper.

2. Kids read through Matthew 3 and let them find a verse to write on their desert.

Activity #2: Taste honey. Maybe on some fruit or graham crackers. Also bring something scratchy from home to let the kids feel and tell them that John the Baptist wore camel's hair for clothes, which feels scratchy.

Activity #3: At the beginning of the service have the kids go in front of the congregation and show their projects and read their verses.