

Day 4: READ → John 1:6-8, 15, 19-28

READ & DISCUSS → The Pharisees asked John if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or a prophet. John clearly answered he was just a "voice" preparing the way.

Discuss the following questions...

What do you think John meant when he instructed people to "make straight the way of the Lord?"

Why did John say he wasn't worthy to untie Jesus' shoes?

How is Jesus like a light in our lives?

Now that you've heard this story, what do you think God wants from you?

What is something that you wonder about from this story?

PRAY → Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to this world. We're thankful for the light He brings to our lives--the hope, joy, love, and peace He brings us. Amen.

_____ I completed this weekly devotion with my adopted pet. (You will receive an additional \$2 Kids' Kash this week.) Way to go!

Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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JOHN'S MINISTRY BEGAN

Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1

Big Picture Question: Is Jesus God or a human?

Jesus is fully God and fully human.

Main Point: John prepared the way for Jesus.

Day 1: READ → Matthew 3:1-12

READ & LIST → If you were to have people come visit you at your home. List 3 things below that you would do to get ready for your guests...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

John told people to get their hearts ready for Jesus. He had a big message: "Repent, because God's kingdom is coming!" Repent means turning away from sin and turning toward God. John wanted people to be ready because Jesus was coming soon!

PRAY → Dear God, thank you for sending John to help people get ready for Jesus. Just like John the Baptist, help me prepare my heart for Him. Amen.

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Day 2: READ → Mark 1:2-8

READ & ANSWER → John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. John was the cousin to Jesus and was born about six months before Him.

1. What did John the Baptist eat?

2. What did John wear?

3. John the Baptist fulfills the prophecy of which prophet?

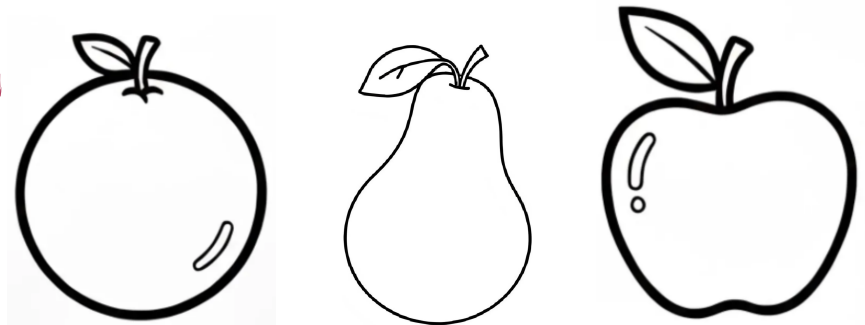
a. Malachi b. Daniel c. Isaiah d. Jeremiah

PRAY → *God, John the Baptist wore simple clothes and ate simple food, but his message was very powerful. Amen.*

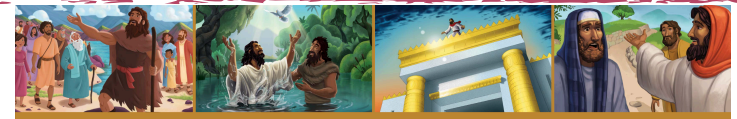
Day 3: READ → Luke 3:1-18

READ & WRITE → Some people thought they could be saved simply because of lineage or just saying they would do good. John wanted them to know true repentance should be evidenced by change. As people who love Christ, it should be obvious that we are His people in the way that we live and how we love and serve others.

True faith is shown by actions. Write actions (sharing with those in need, honesty, etc) on the fruits below that show what "changed hearts" look like.



PRAY → *Jesus, I want to honor You in how I live.
Amen.*



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14