

UNIT 10: THE GOD OF PEACE

LESSON 50 ~ AT A GLANCE

AGES 6-7

JOHN THE BAPTIST

LESSON AIM: TO CHALLENGE CHILDREN TO POINT OTHERS TO JESUS
THROUGHOUT THEIR ENTIRE LIVES JUST AS JOHN THE BAPTIST DID.

PRESET

- Getting Started—Paper, floor tape or chalk
- Advent Scripture Reading—John 1:6-9
- *Bible Memory Verse Song—“For Unto Us” and other related music
- Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: Table with a wreath of greenery and four candles surrounding a white candle, matches
- *Worship Illustration or Storybook Lesson 50
- Golden Bowl—pencils & note cards
- Bibles
- Timeline—The Birth of Jesus (Circa 0 A.D.)
- Map—Bethany, Israel
- *Daily Way Lesson 50
- Treasure Treat—ASK ME ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIST sticker

*Available for download at www.childrensministrywarehouse.net.

NOTES

5. GOT TIME?

SNACK: LOCUSTS AND HONEY

GAME: POINT TO JESUS

CRAFT: PEACEFUL DOVE ORNAMENTS

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: APPEARING ANGEL,
TOSS-A-VERSE

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW

1. THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite Christmas sign?

GETTING STARTED: PREPARE A PATH

2. THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: The Prophet's Candle

Advent Scripture Reading: John 1:6-9

Bless and collect the offering. Sing songs and worship God.

Perform Worship Illustration or read Storybook

3. THE WORD JOHN POINTED OTHERS TO JESUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: The angel Gabriel told Mary she would be the mother of God's Son.

Reveal Scripture Reference: Luke 1:16-17, 41, 76-79; John 1:29. Pray. Read.

4. THE WAY WE CAN POINT OTHERS TO JESUS

? John told everyone to repent and be baptized to prepare their hearts for Jesus. What does repent mean? (To turn from sin and to do things God's way.) **What can you do to prepare your heart for Jesus?**

> John was called “John the Baptist” because he baptized people in water. John took those who wanted to repent into the Jordan River. Going under the water was like a sign that he or she wanted to be washed clean from sin.

? Who is the only one who can take away our sins? (Jesus.) Today believers are baptized as sign that Jesus has washed their sins away.

> John called Jesus the Son of God and the Lamb of God.

? What did John tell the people Jesus would do about their sins? (Jesus would save them from their sins and their sins would be forgiven.)

? When John told others that Jesus would save them from their sins, they followed Jesus. What can you tell others about Jesus? (Respond.)

CHRIST CONNECTION> Reveal: Isaiah 40:3-5

700 years before John spoke, Isaiah described what he would say.

(Read Isaiah 40:2-5.) **God's salvation means being saved from our sins.**

THE GOLDEN BOWL> Pray for individual names and the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES>

- TREASURE TREAT: ASK ME ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIST sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: John baptizing people in the Jordan River.
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

