

## UNIT 10: THE GOD OF PEACE

# LESSON 50 ~ AT A GLANCE

AGES 8-11

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, highlighters
- 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](http://www.childrensministrywarehouse.net).

### NOTES

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### 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**

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### 1. THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** "What is your favorite Christmas sign?"

**GETTING STARTED:** PREPARE A PATH RACE

### 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; Matthew 3:4-6, John 1:29, 34-37. Find It First! Highlight Key Verse: Luke 1:76-77. Pray. Read.

### 4. THE WAY WE CAN POINT OTHERS TO JESUS

**? What did God send John to go ahead of Jesus and do?** (To prepare the way for Him.) **John told everyone to repent and be baptized to prepare their hearts for Jesus. What does repent mean?** (Turn from wrongdoing and do things God's way ) **How can you prepare your heart for Jesus?**

**? Why was John called John the Baptist?** (He baptized people in water.) **What were the two names John the Baptist called Jesus?** (Son of God, 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 said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," what did the people do?** (Believed and followed Jesus.) **What can you tell others about Jesus?** (Respond.)

**CHRIST CONNECTION>** Reveal: Isaiah 40:3-5. Find It First!

**700 years before John spoke, Isaiah described what he would say.** (Read Isaiah 40:2-5.) **How did we see God's salvation?** (Jesus saved us.)

**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

