



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**Prophets & Promises:**  
**Advent of the Promised One**  
**Unit 10, Lesson 50**

## **Advent 3: John the Baptist**

**Lesson Aim: To challenge children to repent  
and point others to Jesus.**

### **THE WELCOME**

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

**GAME:** Prepare a Path

### **THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE**

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: The Prophets' Candle

Read Worship Scripture: John 1:6-9.

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

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD JOHN POINTED OTHERS TO JESUS**

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

Review: God promised Mary she would give birth to His Son Jesus.

**Today, we will learn how Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, prepared the way for Jesus to come to the world. John the Baptist pointed people to Jesus from the time he was in his mother's belly and throughout his life.** Point to The Birth of Jesus (Circa 1 A.D.). Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 1:16-17, 41, 76-79; 3:12-16; John 1:29. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Luke 1:76-77. Pray. Read.

### **THE WAY WE CAN POINT OTHERS TO JESUS**

**Why did God send John the Baptist ahead of Jesus?** (To prepare the way.) **John told everyone to prepare for Jesus by repenting and being baptized. What does repent mean?** (To turn from wrongdoing and do things God's way.) **What are some specific examples John gave of ways tax collectors and soldiers could repent?** (Tax collectors could stop overcharging; soldiers could be content with their pay and stop falsely accusing others.) **Take a moment and silently think about your own wrong choices or wrong thinking.** Pause for a moment. **God wants each of us to repent when we sin.**

**What is baptism?** (The sprinkling or immersion in water of a believer as a sign of forgiveness and new life in Christ.) **Baptism is an outward sign; sins cannot be washed away by water. Who is the only One who can take away our sins?** (Jesus.) **Today, when believers are baptized, it is a sign to the world that Jesus has washed their sins away. Repenting and being baptized are two ways we obey God and point others to Him. What other ways can we point people to Jesus?**

**In Bible times, what did the Jewish law require the Jewish people to sacrifice each year as a payment to God for their sins?** (A lamb.) **What were the two names John the Baptist called Jesus?** (Son of God, Lamb of God.) **When John pointed to Jesus and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," what did the people do?** (Believed in and followed Jesus.) **What did John say Jesus would do?** (Save them from their sins, they would be forgiven.) **Everyone sins, so everyone needs to be saved and forgiven by God.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Thousands of years earlier, God taught His people about the law they must follow to be forgiven of their sins each year. It involved a perfect lamb without defect. Let's read about this law.** Reveal Leviticus 5:6. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**Why do you think Jesus is called the Lamb of God? How was the life and death of Jesus like that of a perfect, innocent lamb? Just as the perfect lamb fulfilled the requirements of God's Law for the people each year, Jesus was the perfect lamb that sacrificed His life to fulfill the requirements of God's Law forever. His death completely paid the penalty for our sins; we are forgiven and can be close with God forever. How can thinking and praying about that help prepare our hearts to celebrate His coming this Christmas?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask Me About John the Baptist" sticker
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #50
- OFFERING OF ART: John the Baptist baptizing people in the Jordan River
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Locusts and Honey

**GAME:** Point to Jesus

**CRAFT:** Peaceful Dove Ornament

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Appearing Angel, Toss-A-Verse

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**