

John the Baptist

BIBLE VERSE:

"Prepare the way
for the Lord."

SCHEDULE

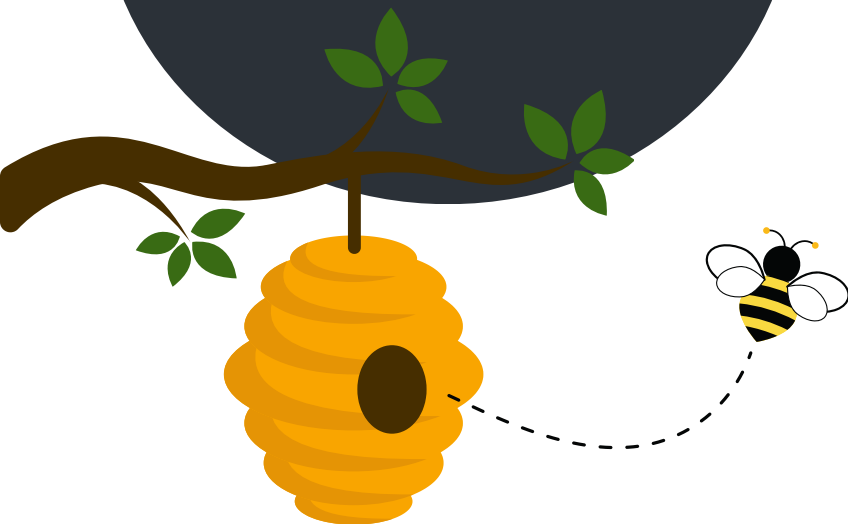
Activity

Prayer

Worship

Bible Story

Craft



ACTIVITY:

Talk to your child about the Bible. Talk about how it is God's Word. We read it so we can learn about God and share with others.

Talk to your child about how John was Jesus' cousin. He is the child of Mary's cousin, Elizabeth. In this activity, collect pictures of your family- parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Talk about the people in each photo and share some memories. This activity will help them feel a sense of belonging.

John had a very strange diet. While reading the Bible story, make a small snack of honey sandwiches, gummy worms to help your child picture John's diet.

PRAYER:

It is so important that you pray with your baby/toddler. Pray for your child's salvation.

Demonstrate how to pray, folding your hands, bowing your head. Teaching prayer begins during infancy. You may pray yourself or use the following prayer.

Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for this day. Thank you for family We love you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

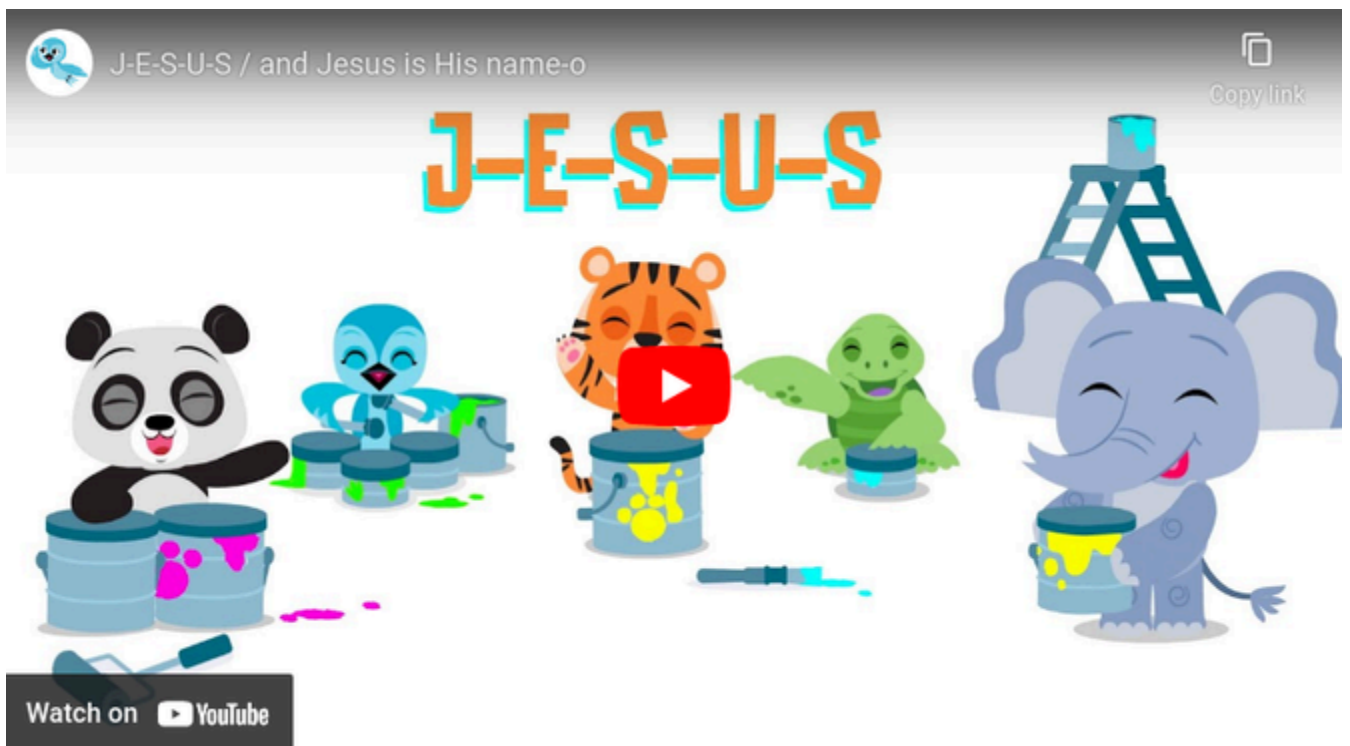


WORSHIP:

Sing "I've Got Peace Like a River".
Click link below to watch and sing along.

→ <https://youtu.be/Aq1ZIC4lsEw> ←

While singing with your baby/toddler, rock them back and forth and interact with them. Let them learn that singing songs about the Lord is a wonderful sweet way to learn about God and bond with you.



BIBLE STORY:

Hold up the Bible, "This is the Bible. We love our Bible. It is the Word of God. The Bible is truth." Hug the Bible to your chest. "Let's pat our Bible." Take the baby/toddler's hand and have them pat the Bible. Read the story with enthusiasm to capture their attention.

Babies and Toddlers:

Hold up the teaching picture attached to this lesson or read the story from a Children's Bible. Story comes from Mark 1:1-8.

"Even before John was a baby, his parents knew God had a special plan for him. Zachariah and Elizabeth were too old to have a baby. His birth was a miracle. He was Jesus' cousin. Zachariah and Elizabeth were good parents and taught John what it meant to obey God. They thought, when he was old enough, John would also become a priest. But God had a special mission for John. Instead of working at the temple as a priest, he moved to the desert. He wore clothes made from camel's hair. He ate locusts and wild honey. He began to preach an important message. John taught people they needed to say sorry to God for the bad things they had done and began to obey God. John was preparing the way for Jesus."

TIME TO TALK:

As you change diapers, wash hands, rock, play with, and console your baby/toddler take time to talk about the Bible story.

AFFIRMING STATEMENTS:

JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS JESUS' COUSIN
HE PREPARED A WAY FOR JESUS
JESUS CAME FOR YOU AND ME
JESUS LOVES YOU SO VERY MUCH!



TEACHING PICTURE



CRAFT:

Craft attached. For this craft, talk to your child about the lesson. Talk about John appearance, his diet, and how he was Jesus' cousin. Talk about how he prepared a way for the Lord. Once your child is done with their craft, end in prayer.

