

LESSON PLAN

TITLE: John the Baptist

TEXT: Matthew 3:1-17

MEMORY VERSE: See Lesson Sheet

KEY SCRIPTURE:

LESSON OUTLINE:

1. John the Baptist was miraculously born of elderly parents and from his birth God had a special plan for his life. He was to be the forerunner of the Messiah, Jesus, as was prophesied by the Prophet Isaiah.
2. He was a very plain man and lived alone in the wilderness. Many repented and were baptized by him after hearing his preaching.
3. When asked if he were the Christ, he said no, but that he was just a voice of one crying in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. John baptized with water, but Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.
4. Jesus came to John to be baptized and John thought that it should be the other way around--that Jesus should baptize him.
5. The Holy Trinity was witnessed by all who were present. Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit lighted on Him like a dove, and God spoke from Heaven, saying "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
6. God can use a very humble person to do a big task for Him.

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

- The children should know that the Lord calls on each of us to work for Him even though we are small.

APPLICATION TO DAILY LIVING:

- Jesus is pleased when we want to be His little helpers and told His disciples that we would we all have to be converted and become as little children if we want to enter Heaven.

TEACHING AIDS: