

JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY

Luke 3:1-18

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¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become
straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all mankind will see God’s
salvation.””

⁷John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.”

¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did John the baptist preach? (Verse 3)
5		2.) Who did the people think John was?
5		3.) What did John baptize the people with? (Verse 16)
5		4.) Why do you think the people thought John might be Jesus?

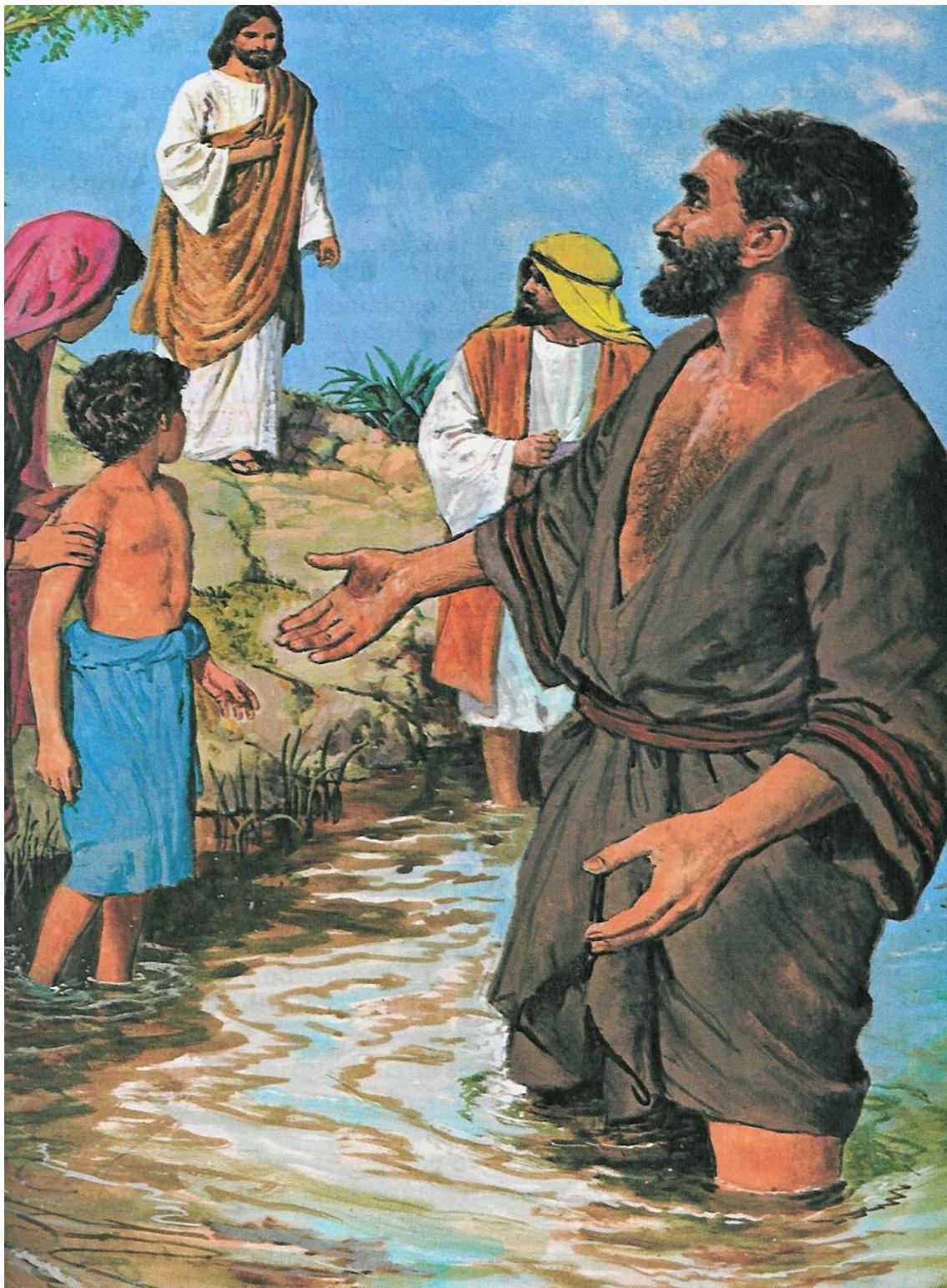
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“...Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mark 16:15</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION	
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____	DATE ____/____/____

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John baptizes people with water

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MEGAPHONES

Students will make megaphones to remind them that John the Baptist announced the coming of Christ.

MATERIALS

1. Megaphone Pattern
2. 67 lb. Cardstock
3. Glue
4. Crayons, Markers or Colored Pencils
5. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Have students color in the letters of the memory verse on the megaphone pattern.
2. Cut out the megaphone on the solid black line.
3. Glue the tab to the opposite side.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their megaphones, remind them that John the Baptist was preparing the way for the coming of Christ. John baptized with water, but Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. Help students realize that they, too, can share the Good News of Jesus with those around them.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

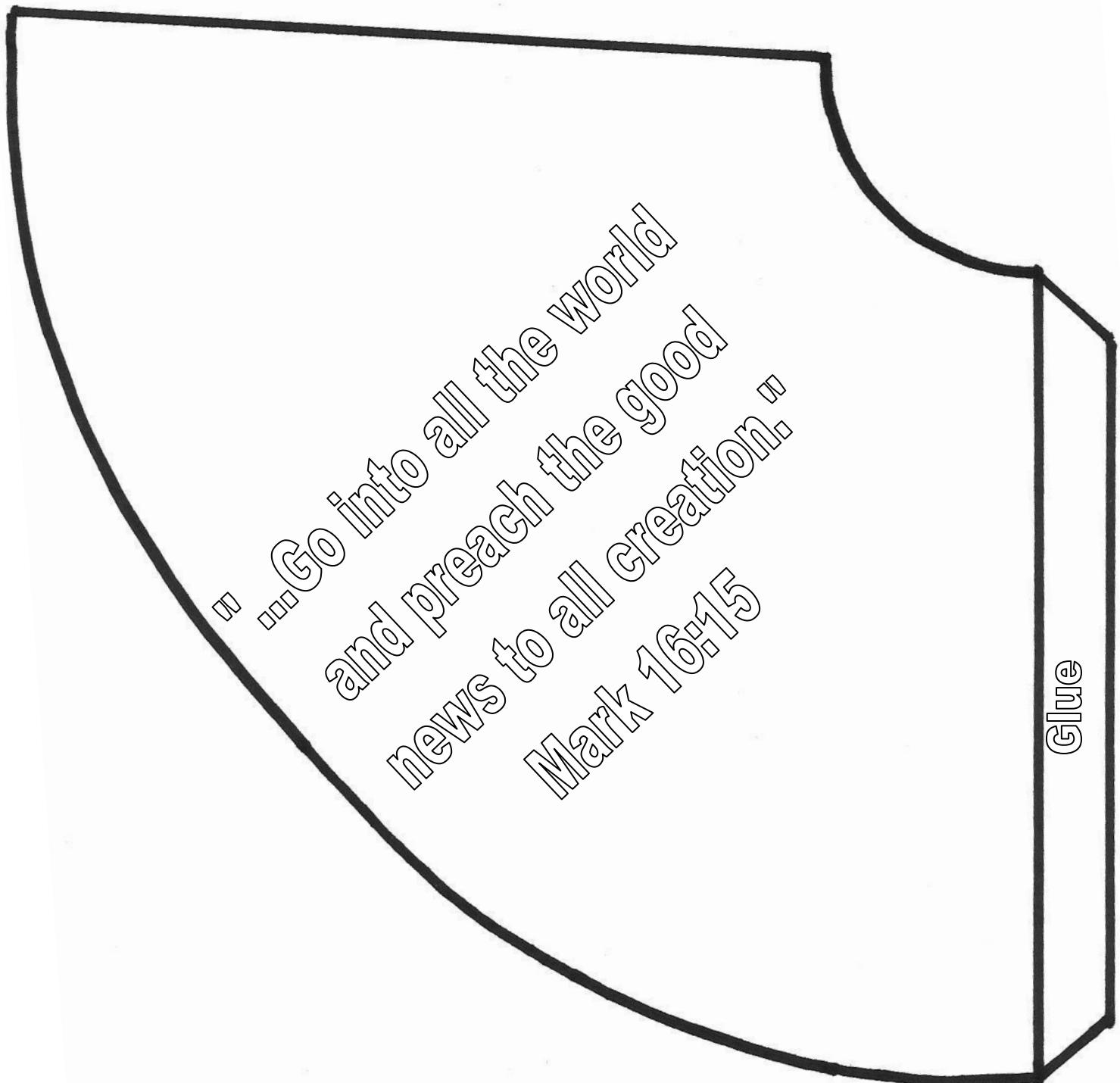
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MEGAPHONE PATTERN

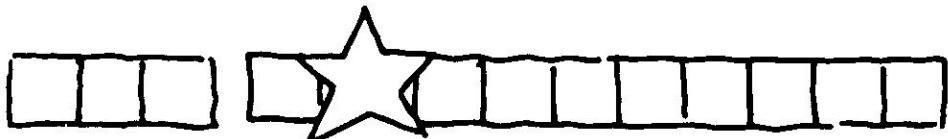


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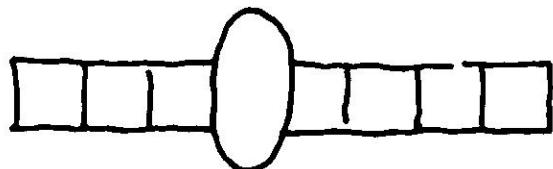
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Unscramble these persons or groups in Luke 3:2, 3, 10-18. Write the letters in the matching shapes at the bottom of the page to find what John preached.

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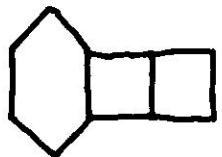
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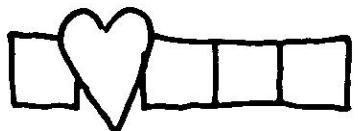
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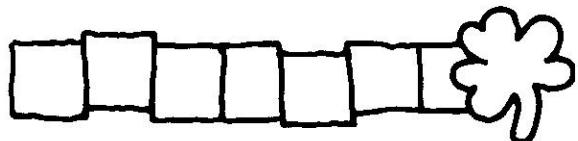
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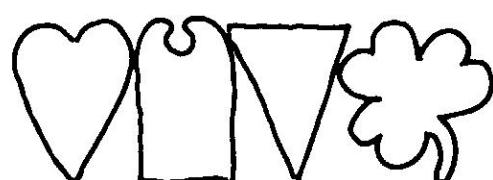
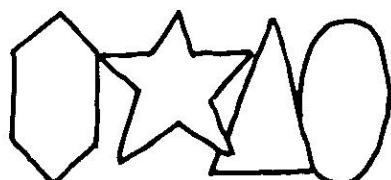
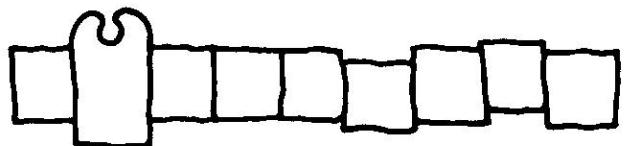
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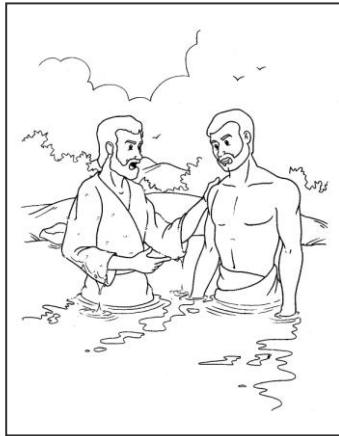
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A SPECIAL REPORT ON LUKE 3:1-18

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The word of God came to John while he was living in the desert. It was time for John to prepare the way for the Lord.

John went into all the country around the Jordan River. He preached that the people should turn away from their sin and be baptized. John baptized the people in the Jordan River. God was using John to get the people's hearts ready for Jesus.

The people wondered in their hearts if John might be Jesus. John answered the people saying, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come to baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John was talking about Jesus.

John continued to teach the people and preached the good news of Jesus to them.

For more details, please read Luke 3:1-18 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did John the baptist preach?
2. Who did people think John was?
3. What was Jesus going to baptize the people with?
4. Why do you think the people thought John might be Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

"...Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

Mark 16:15

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| (T) F | John lived in the desert. |
| T F | John baptized people in the Jordan River. |
| T F | John told the people that they should keep on sinning. |
| T F | The people thought John might be Jesus. |
| T F | John preached the good news to the people. |
| T F | God was using John to get the people's hearts ready for Jesus. |