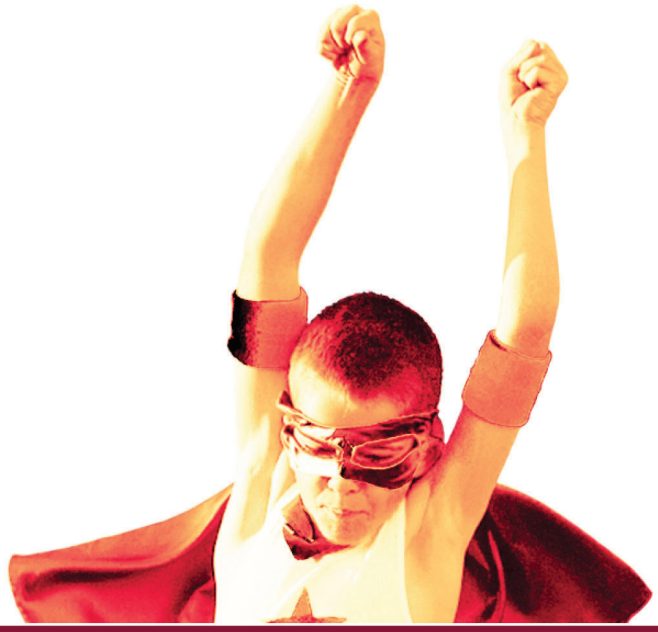

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Mark 1:1-8

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BIBLE FOCUS-THE BASICS

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness. He wore strange clothing made out of camel's hair. And to top it all off, he ate locusts and honey. Well, honey isn't so bad, but give me a break! Locusts? Yuck! So why would anyone want to listen to someone who was so strange? Because he had important information to tell them, that's why. Since the time of Isaiah the prophet, people had been waiting for their Savior, their Messiah. John was the man who told them about this long-awaited Messiah. He told them things they wanted to hear, so they ignored how strange he was to find out what he had to say. He told people that the one who would come after him—the Messiah—would be more powerful and would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. People waited eagerly for the man John spoke of.

They knew he was coming and prepared themselves for the Messiah, Jesus.

Bible Point: We prepare our hearts for Jesus.

Key Verse: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

FAMILY FUN

Pure Heart on Ice

Here's a fun way to help your family discover what you learned in church today!

1. Add several drops of red food coloring to water. Pour into an ice-cube tray and freeze it.
2. Place warm water in a clear glass, and gather your audience. Tell them, "Let's say this water is your life. It's pure. Now let's say you add a sinful heart. Let's see what happens."
3. Place a red ice cube in the glass, and stir the water. The water will soon turn red. Tell them, "Psalm 51:10 says: 'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.' Only God can forgive sin and give us a pure heart again."

Daily Challenge®

Choose one of these ways this week to prepare your heart for Jesus.

- Examine the sin in your life, and ask God to help you overcome the temptations to sin.
- Invite someone to church so he or she can experience a relationship with Jesus.
- Talk to your family about what it means to prepare your heart for Jesus as you begin preparing for Christmas.

THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **Luke 15:3-7**
Why do you think heaven rejoices whenever we say we're sorry for our sins?

TUESDAY **2 Corinthians 7:10**
Why's it a good thing to feel sorry for things we've done wrong?

WEDNESDAY **Jeremiah 15:19**
How can God restore people when they repent?

THURSDAY **2 Peter 3:9**
Why is it comforting to know God is patient with us as we try hard to avoid sin?

FRIDAY **Romans 2:5-8**
What do you like about the results of repenting?

SATURDAY **Acts 26:20**
What can you do to "show" that you're truly sorry for your sins?

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Dear Parents,

Your family is important to our church, and we want to support your role as spiritual leader to your child.

In our effort to provide the highest quality Christian education, we are using **FaithWeaver NOW®** Sunday school. FaithWeaver NOW makes Bible learning fun by using a variety of active experiences to help students learn in the ways they learn best.

FaithWeaver NOW also helps people of all ages "weave faith into life" by applying the Bible to their lives throughout every week. With FaithWeaver NOW, students walk through the Bible over the course of three years.

Research shows that the most powerful influence on children's faith development is the conversation about faith that takes place in the home. We want to partner with you in your child's Christian education.

With the resources that are part of FaithWeaver NOW, you can make a huge contribution to your child's Christian growth by leading activities and discussions that help make connections and apply what's learned at church to daily life. That's why every week your child will receive a take-home page that includes ideas for family discussions and activities that will help cement what your child learns at church.

All FaithWeaver NOW resources—for infants through adults—explore the same Bible passage each week, making it easier for you to help your family grow in faith together.

This quarter, we hope you'll find encouragement in your role as a parent and a spiritual leader to your child. May these tools serve to remind you how important you are in your child's life—and how blessed you are to be entrusted with this awesome responsibility!

God bless you,

Your **FaithWeaver NOW** Church

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BONUS...every Student Book includes weekly take-home activities!

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

GRADES 3&4

STUDENT BOOK

This quarter you'll explore these Bible passages:

	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus (Mark 1:1-8)	"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).	We prepare our hearts for Jesus.
WEEK 2	God Dwells With Us (John 1:1-14)	"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).	Jesus is God.
WEEK 3	Jesus Is Born (Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20)	"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).	Jesus was born for us.
WEEK 4	Faithful People Thank God for Jesus (Luke 2:22-40)	"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name" (Psalm 100:4).	We thank God for Jesus.
WEEK 5	Wise Men Find Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)	"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100:5).	Jesus deserves our worship.
WEEK 6	John Baptizes Jesus (Mark 1:4-11)	"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).	God sent Jesus.
WEEK 7	Jesus Surprises Nathanael (John 1:43-51)	"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me" (Psalm 139:1).	Jesus knows all about us.
WEEK 8	Disciples Follow Jesus (Mark 1:14-20)	" 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men' " (Mark 1:17).	Follow Jesus.
WEEK 9	Jesus Demonstrates His Authority (Mark 1:21-28)	"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).	Jesus is all-powerful.
WEEK 10	Jesus Heals, Prays, and Preaches (Mark 1:29-39)	"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).	Jesus cares for us.
WEEK 11	Jesus Calms a Storm (Mark 4:35-41)	"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).	We turn to Jesus when we're afraid.
WEEK 12	Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man (Mark 2:1-12)	"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).	Jesus forgives us.
WEEK 13	Jesus Heals the Blind Man (Mark 10:46-52)	"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5).	We have faith in Jesus.

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