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John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus Mark 1:1-8

Most 5- and 6-year-olds know what it means to get ready. They've learned to dress themselves, brush their teeth, and maybe fix a simple breakfast. Kids know what it means to get ready for the day, and that can help them understand what it means to get ready for Jesus. They can welcome Jesus into their lives with prayer, praise, worship, reading the Bible, and asking for forgiveness. They can tell others about Jesus so others can have Jesus in their lives, too. Use this lesson to introduce kids to the concept of getting ready for Jesus.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started *about 10 min.*	**Welcoming Song** Sing or listen to praises for God.	CD player **Teacher Pack:** CD	
2 Key Verse Activity *about 10 min.*	**"Good News" Reporter** Become a news reporter and announce the coming of Jesus.	Bible	
3 Bible Exploration *about 15 min.*	**Theo's News** Find out what a bar of soap has to do with the Bible.	Surprise Box (any box will do), Theo puppet, CD player, bar of soap **Teacher Pack:** CD	Put the soap in the Surprise Box, and hide the box where it's easily accessible.
	Bible Time: A Surprise Visitor Learn about John the Baptist, and prepare the room for a surprise visitor.	Bible, CD player, bowl of warm water, paper towels or clean rags, poster board, washable markers, tape **Teacher Pack:** CD, "John Preaches About Jesus" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	

Bold text *within the lesson is spoken text.*

▶Bible Point
We get ready for Jesus.

Key Verse
"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).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will discover ways they can get their hearts ready for Jesus.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
4 Weaving Faith Into Life *about 20 min. (Choose 2 centers.)*	**Center 1: Wipe Your Heart Clean** Make a heart dirty as they talk about sins in their lives, and then clean the heart as they learn about the way Jesus wipes away our sins.	My Bible Playground, cellophane, large bowl of dirt, washable markers	Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Playground student book.
	Center 2: Our Hearts Are Ready! Create heart shapes from healthy snacks, and then eat them.	knife, apples, oranges, slices of cheese, paper plates, antibacterial gel (optional)	Cut apples and oranges into thin, semicircle slices. Then cut the cheese slices to create half of a heart shape. (See the photo in this lesson.). Put the food items on different plates.
	Center 3: Jesus' Gift Play a relay game to demonstrate that receiving Jesus' gift of love is one way to get ready for Jesus.	2 gift-wrapped boxes, 2 chairs	Place the chairs at one end of the room, about 5 feet away from each other.
	Center 4: John's Focus Try to focus on Jesus despite distractions, as John the Baptist did.	3 lightweight balls **Teacher Pack:** "Jesus" picture	
5 Lasting Impressions *about 10 min.*	**Daily Challenges** Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.	My Bible Playground	
	"Clean My Heart" Prayer Think of a sin and then pray together.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.	My Bible Playground	Remove the letter to parents from the back of each My Bible Playground student book to give to parents when they pick up their children.

Bold text *within the lesson is spoken text.*

John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus

Mark 1:1-8

BIBLE BACKGROUND FOR LEADERS

Jesus Brings Good News

Mark saw Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection as the beginning of the gospel. The word *gospel*, derived from the Old English *godspel*, means "good news."

Prophets Foretold About Jesus

As Mark began his Gospel, he launched into a quotation from the Old Testament. By connecting what he was saying about Jesus with the words of the prophets, Mark built validity for his own message in the minds of his Jewish readers.

Some question why Mark said the quotation is from Isaiah when in reality the first part is from Malachi 3:1. Mark is mentioning together two quotations on the same topic, and crediting both to Isaiah would have been acceptable for Mark's audience.

By using the quotation from Isaiah in Mark 1:3, Mark emphasized the kingly nature of Jesus. In those days, a servant often traveled ahead of a king to alert people that the king was coming.

John the Baptist Comes Before Jesus

The last half of this passage shows that John the Baptist did what was prophesied in the Old Testament: He came to prepare the way—more specifically, the people—for Jesus' coming. As people repented in response to John's preaching and confessed their sins, their hearts were prepared to accept their coming King.

John the Baptist's choice of clothing was not accidental: He likely was identifying himself with the prophet Elijah, who dressed the same way (2 Kings 1:8). His was the clothing of the poor, and his food was also that of the very poor. John was humbling himself, knowing how great the coming Jesus would be. In those days, it was the job of the lowest servant to untie a visitor's sandals and wash his feet. John let people know that as eloquent and persuasive as his preaching might be, he was the lowest of the low in comparison with the glory of the coming Savior, Jesus.

The Jesus Connection

At Christmas, we anticipate the birth of Jesus. His birth, death, and resurrection make our lives in heaven possible. There is always much to do before Christmas. But Jesus cares more about our hearts than about gifts and decorations. We can prepare our hearts by turning from actions and attitudes that distract us from Jesus. What do you need to turn from? You can write your prayer here.

Welcoming Song
Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "We're Glad You're Here Today" (track 2), "God Is the King" (Psalm 47:7) (track 6)

1 GETTING **STARTED**

Welcoming Song

Tip Consistently use the same signal to announce a transition to the next activity. You could flip the lights off and on, use a train whistle, have a puppet rustling inside a bag, or sing cleanup songs. Keep it simple, consistent, and fun.

What You'll Do

As the children arrive, greet them with a smile. When it's time to begin, use your signal to bring the children together in a circle. Begin the CD, and lead the kids in doing the motions and singing "We're Glad You're Here Today" (track 2 on the CD) to the tune of "Looby Loo."

We're glad you're here today. *(shake hands with others)*
We're glad you're here today. *(shake hands with others)*
We're glad you're here today. *(shake hands with others)*
Come learn about Jesus today. *(motion friends to come)*

We all will pray *(fold hands)* **and sing.** *(cup hands around mouth)*
We all will pray *(fold hands)* **and sing.** *(cup hands around mouth)*
We all will pray *(fold hands)* **and sing.** *(cup hands around mouth)*
We're glad that you're here today. *(clap to the beat)*

We're glad you're here today. *(give high fives to others)*
We're glad you're here today. *(point to others)*
We're glad you're here today. *(clap to the beat)*
Come learn about Jesus today. *(motion friends to come)*

Say: **Today we'll learn that ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS and welcome him into our lives. Jesus is the King of the whole world! Listen carefully to the beginning of this song, and tell me what you hear.**

Play "God Is the King" (Psalm 47:7) (track 6 on the CD) and encourage the children to call out the animals they hear at the beginning. Then have them join you in singing and marching to the beat in a circle. Change the direction you're marching every few lines.

Let's sing about the Lord,
The greatness of our God,
God is the King of everything.
We're wild about his love
And all that he has done,
God is the King of everything.

I know God; I talk about him every single day.
I pray to him at all times; he's the only way.
I love him! He loves me no matter where I go,
And everything I do will be for God and God alone.

Let's sing about the Lord,
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We're wild about his love
And all that he has done,
God is the King of everything.

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And all that he has done,
God is the King of everything,
God is the King of everything,
God is the King of everything.

"God Is the King" (Psalm 47:7) by Jay Stocker and Ben Glover. © 2005, 2006 Group Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

Say: **Jesus is coming! We're celebrating his arrival, and one of the great ways ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS is by singing to him. He loves to hear our voices. Let's welcome him this Christmas season.**

2 KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

"Good News" Reporter

"Good News" Reporter Supplies

Bible

What You'll Do

Have the children sit in a circle. Open your Bible to Luke 2:10-11, and show children the words. Tell kids the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **Our Key Verse from the Bible, Luke 2:10-11, says, "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." This means that the angel told the shepherds, "I bring great news; Jesus is born!" Let's say that together.** Lead children in repeating the simplified version of the Key Verse after you: **I bring great news; Jesus is born! (Luke 2:10-11).**

Ask:

- **Tell about a time someone told you good news.**

Say: **It's very exciting to hear good news! The angel told the shepherds the good news that Jesus was born, and the shepherds were so excited that they went to see baby Jesus. Let's play a game right now that'll help us share the good news of Jesus' birth.**

One way we hear news is by watching television. We're going to pretend that we're TV reporters telling the news that Jesus was born.

Encourage a child to pretend to hold a microphone. Then tell the child to report the news of Jesus' birth by saying the Key Verse: "I bring great news; Jesus is born!" and then saying one great thing about Jesus such as "Jesus loves me" or "Jesus is kind." When the first child is finished, have him or her join the rest of the group, and then encourage the next child to report the good news. Have children clap and cheer after each child's turn. When all children have had a turn, have them sit in a circle again.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **It was fun to pretend to be a reporter! What are other ways you can share the good news about Jesus?**
- **What's exciting about babies being born?**
- **What's exciting about *Jesus* being born?**

Say: **Jesus' birth was the best news anyone could ever hear because Jesus came to do many wonderful things for all of us. ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS because he's so special. We can help others get ready for Jesus, too, when we tell the good news about Jesus. Let's tell each other our Key Verse one more time for practice.** Encourage children to turn to a partner and tell each other the Key Verse: **I bring great news; Jesus is born! (Luke 2:10-11).**

Theo's News
Supplies

Surprise Box (any box will do)
Theo puppet
CD player
bar of soap
Teacher Pack
CD: "Here, Theo" (track 4)

Theo's News
Easy Prep

Put the soap in the Surprise Box, and hide the box where it's easily accessible.

3 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Theo's News

What You'll Do

Say: **Friends, it's time for Theo's News!**

Have the children sit in a circle. Then begin "Here, Theo" (track 4 on the CD). When the CD segment ends, bring out the Surprise Box, and put the Theophilus the FaithRetriever puppet on your hand. Then follow along with the script.

Theo: Hi, everybody!
Teacher: Hello, Theo! Tell us what interesting news you've dug up about the Bible today.
Theo: I hid it in the Surprise Box.
Teacher: Let's look inside to see what Theo dug up for us today.
(Invite a child to open the Surprise Box, and have kids pass the bar of soap around so everyone can see it up close. Give kids time to guess what they'll learn from the Bible today.)
Teacher: Friends, when do we need soap? *(Pause for kids to answer your question.)*
Teacher: Theo, why did you hide this bar of soap in the Surprise Box?
Theo: I thought you could use it.
Teacher: Theo, are you trying to tell me I need to take a bath?
Theo: No, you smell just great! My dog nose knows! I put the soap in the box because we need it to wash ourselves and to clean our houses to get ready when company is coming to visit.
Teacher: You picked a great day for soap, Theo. Today, we'll learn from the Bible that we can clean up as ▶ **WE GET READY FOR JESUS.** Let's find out how we can do that!
Theo: Have fun, boys and girls!
Teacher: Say goodbye to Theo.

Encourage the children to wave or say goodbye to Theo. Then put Theo away in a safe place for next week's use.

Bible Time: A Surprise Visitor

Bible Time: A Surprise Visitor
Supplies

Bible
CD player
bowl of warm water
paper towels or clean rags
poster board
washable markers
tape
Teacher Pack
CD: "God Is the King" (Psalm 47:7) (track 6)
"John Preaches About Jesus" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Mark 1, and show children the words. Tell kids the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **In the Bible, a man named John the Baptist worked hard to tell people about ways ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS. John the Baptist said that God wanted him to prepare the way for Jesus. John wanted people to stop doing bad things and start doing good things!**

Ask:
- **Tell about a time you've had friends or relatives come to visit you.**
- **What was it like as you waited for them to arrive?**
- **Tell about what you did to get ready for their visit.**

Say: **John the Baptist told people to get ready for a special person—Jesus! People said they were sorry for their sins, and John baptized them. That means that John put the people under water for a few seconds to show everyone that they wanted to follow God and that they were allowing God to wash them clean of their sins.**

Set out the "John Preaches About Jesus" poster.

Say: **John lived in a hot, sandy desert. He wore clothes made of camel's hair, and he ate locusts (locusts are bugs a lot like grasshoppers). John lived a special life**

because he knew he had a special message to give people. He wanted people to get ready for Jesus! Let's help these people in the poster get ready for Jesus. Set out the bowl of water and encourage each child to take a paper towel or rag and dip it in the water. Remind kids that John baptized people in the water to get them ready for Jesus. Encourage kids to wipe their wet paper towels or rags on a person in the poster to show that John baptized that person.

Say: **Good job getting these people ready for Jesus. Now let's use our rags to prepare our room the way we would for a special guest.**

Lead the kids in using their damp paper towels or rags to wipe off tables, chairs, and toys. Then help kids decorate the room. Write "Welcome" on the poster board. Set out the markers and have children decorate the poster. Play "God Is the King" (Psalm 47:7) (track 6 on the CD) while kids work. Have kids tape the finished poster to a wall.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What do you like about preparing for a special guest?**
- **What are other things you'd do to get ready for Jesus?**

Say: **It was exciting to get ready for a guest! I'm sure John the Baptist must've been excited telling everyone to get ready for Jesus. We can be happy and excited as ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS, too! His coming is a time to celebrate!**

4 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Choose at least two of the learning centers to help reinforce today's Bible lesson. Gather the needed materials, and put the supplies in an out-of-sight area until you're ready for them. Allow the children to choose which center they'd like to explore first. Then circulate among the children as they create and explore. Encourage them to make connections between their activities and the Bible by asking them the questions included with each center's description.

Center 1: Wipe Your Heart Clean
Supplies

My Bible Playground
cellophane
large bowl of dirt
washable markers

Center 1: Wipe Your Heart Clean
Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 1 pages from each My Bible Playground student book.

CENTER 1:

Wipe Your Heart Clean

What You'll Do

Help kids write their names on their My Bible Playground pages and find a partner.

Say: **Place your piece of cellophane over the heart side of your page.** Pause. **Then put dirt on the heart as you tell your partner about sins in your life. Maybe you**

have trouble getting along with a brother or sister, or you told a lie. Add dirt to your heart for each sin you talk about. Allow time. **We all have sin in our lives. It's part of being human. God knows sin is something we all struggle with, so he sent his Son, Jesus, to wipe away our sins. Fold your piece of cellophane so the dirt stays inside and remove the dirt from the heart on your page.** Allow time. **Now the hearts are clean and new! That's what Jesus does for our hearts—he wipes away the sin. When we allow Jesus to do that, ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What were you feeling as you put the dirt on your heart?**
- **What were you feeling when the dirt was removed?**
- **Why is sin bad for us?**

Say: **When we say we're sorry, Jesus forgives us and cleans our hearts. Let's tell everyone how much Jesus loves them and forgives them. Let's help others as ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS by telling people about him. Jesus' forgiveness is for everyone.**

CENTER 2:

Our Hearts Are Ready!

What You'll Do

Have children clean their hands. Then gather everyone around the supplies.

Demonstrate for kids how they can use the fruit and cheese slices to make heart shapes on their paper plates.

Say: **To make hearts with the fruit slices, take two slices and overlap the bottoms of the slices to form the bottom part of the heart; with the cheese, put two slices side by side.**

Once kids get the basic idea, encourage them to form several hearts on their paper plates. Instruct them to call out "My heart is ready!" when they're done. When everyone is done, invite one child to pray and thank God for the snacks.

Center 2: Our Hearts Are Ready!
Supplies

knife
apples
oranges
slices of cheese
paper plates
antibacterial gel (optional)

! ALLERGY ALERT

Center 2: Our Hearts Are Ready!
Easy Prep

Cut apples and oranges into thin, semicircle slices. Then cut the cheese slices to create half of a heart shape; see the photo. Put the food items each on different plates.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **How did you get your hearts ready in this snack time?**
- **How can we get our hearts ready for Jesus?**

Say: **When we tell God we're sorry for things we've done wrong, he forgives us! Asking God for forgiveness helps us as ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS.**

CENTER 3:

Jesus' Gift

Center 3: Jesus' Gift
Supplies

2 gift-wrapped boxes
2 chairs

Center 3: Jesus' Gift
Easy Prep

Place the chairs at one end of the room, about 5 feet away from each other.

What You'll Do

Have kids form two groups. Then have the groups each form a line on the side of the room opposite the chairs. Give one of the wrapped gifts to the first child in each line.

Say: **When I say "go," the first person in your line will run with the gift to the chair, go around it, and run it back to the next person in line.** Pause to demonstrate. **Then that person can run to the chair, go around it, and then run back to the line to keep passing the gift.** Pause to demonstrate. **Whenever a new person starts to run, the rest of us will yell ▶ "WE GET READY FOR JESUS!" Any questions about the rules?** Allow time for questions. **When everyone on your team has had a chance to run with the gift, sit down in your line.** Allow time.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **Tell about a time you received a gift.**
- **How is Jesus like a gift for us?**

Say: **Jesus wants to give us the gift of forgiveness. ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS and receive his gift of forgiveness when we believe in him. Jesus forgives us and loves us no matter what and that cleans us from our sins!**

CENTER 4:

John's Focus

Center 4: John's Focus
Supplies

3 lightweight balls
Teacher Pack
"Jesus" picture

What You'll Do

Have kids sit in a circle.

Say: **John the Baptist lived a simple life. The Bible doesn't tell us much about what**

kinds of things he owned—he probably had very little. His clothes weren't fancy and he spent each day telling people about Jesus. That's what he cared most about—helping people get ready for Jesus. ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS when we pay attention to Jesus, too. Let's practice doing that.

Place the "Jesus" picture in the center of the circle. Say: **Let's try to focus on this picture of Jesus as we try to toss and catch balls in our circle.** Start with one ball, and allow kids to toss and catch the ball for 30 seconds. **How easy or difficult was it to keep your focus on Jesus while we were tossing the ball?** Allow responses. **Let's try again.** Start with one ball and then add another ball every 15 seconds until all three are in play. Allow one minute and then gather the balls and make sure everyone is sitting in the circle again.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **Why was it hard for you to think about Jesus during our activity?**
- **How could we have made it easier to think about Jesus?**
- **What can you do to think about Jesus at home?**

Say: **John chose to keep his life simple so he could make Jesus the most important thing in his life. John showed others, and us, that ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS by making him most important. Sometimes it's hard to keep from being distracted and it's okay that we have a lot going on in our lives. Even when we're busy and doing other things, we can think about and talk to Jesus so he stays an important part of our lives.**

5 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Playground

What You'll Do

After the children have cleaned up the centers, bring everyone back to sit in a circle on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage children to share what they learned from the Bible today.

Also use this time to challenge kids in their faith. Encourage them to choose a Daily Challenge for applying today's lesson to their lives this week. Use this challenge for encouraging your children's growing relationships with Jesus.

Talk With Kids

Say: **Today we learned that ▶ WE GET READY FOR JESUS. Choose one of these Daily Challenges to get your heart ready for Jesus this week.**

Give kids these three challenges to choose from:

1. **If you do something wrong, ask Jesus for forgiveness.**
2. **Ask a parent to take you on a drive around your neighborhood to look at Christmas lights. Talk about how people decorate their houses to get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth.**
3. **Draw a heart on paper with a pencil or on a chalkboard with chalk. Think about some things you've done wrong, and draw pictures or scribbles in your heart for those wrong things—then erase them to show that Jesus can clean your heart!**

Say: **If you want to ask Jesus for forgiveness, circle choice number 1. If you want to drive around your neighborhood, circle choice number 2. If you want to draw a heart, circle choice number 3**. Check that each child circled a choice. Make sure you tell kids the challenge you choose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!

"Clean My Heart" Prayer

What You'll Do

Have children sit in a circle on the floor. Tell kids to think of one thing they've done wrong and then invite them to repeat this prayer after you:

Dear God,
Please forgive me when I do wrong;
Help me get ready today.
Prepare my heart for Jesus,
So he can come to stay.
In Jesus' name, amen.

Weaving Faith at Home
Supplies

My Bible Playground

Weaving Faith at Home
Easy Prep

Remove the letter to parents from the back of each My Bible Playground student book to give to parents when they pick up their children.

Weaving Faith at Home

Send the letter to parents home with your kids or give it to parents when they pick up their children. This is a great way to show families they're important to your church and to support their role as spiritual leaders to their children.

Have children take home their My Bible Playground pages whether they worked on them or not. Have children tell their parents the challenge they committed to in the "Daily Challenges" activity. Encourage parents to help their kids fulfill this commitment during the week. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

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	BIBLE CONTENT/SCRIPTURE	KEY VERSE	BIBLE POINT
WEEK 1	John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus (Mark 1:1-8)	I bring great news; Jesus is born! (adapted from Luke 2:10-11).	We get ready for Jesus.
WEEK 2	God Dwells With Us (John 1:1-14)		Jesus is God.
WEEK 3	Jesus Is Born (Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20)		Jesus was born.
WEEK 4	Faithful People Thank God for Jesus (Luke 2:22-40)		We thank God for Jesus.
WEEK 5	Wise Men Find Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)	God loves us so much he sent his Son, Jesus (adapted from John 3:16).	We worship Jesus.
WEEK 6	John Baptizes Jesus (Mark 1:4-11)		Jesus made God happy.
WEEK 7	Jesus Surprises Nathanael (John 1:43-51)		Jesus knows us.
WEEK 8	Disciples Follow Jesus (Mark 1:14-20)		Follow Jesus.
WEEK 9	Jesus Demonstrates His Authority (Mark 1:21-28)	Come to me and rest (adapted from Matthew 11:28).	Jesus is strong.
WEEK 10	Jesus Heals, Prays, and Preaches (Mark 1:29-39)		Jesus cares for us.
WEEK 11	Jesus Calms a Storm (Mark 4:35-41)		Jesus helps us when we're afraid.
WEEK 12	Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man (Mark 2:1-12)		Jesus forgives us.
WEEK 13	Jesus Heals the Blind Man (Mark 10:46-52)		Jesus cares for us.

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