

John Preaches in the Desert

Spring Unit 1:
Jesus is God's Son

Bible Verse:
"I will praise you, oh Lord, with all my heart.
I will tell of all your wonders." Psalm 92:1

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
I can learn about God and His Son, Jesus



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Matthew 3:1-6



Jesus had a cousin named John. John lived in the desert all by himself. John wore clothes made of scratchy camel hair and he wore a leather belt.

John **ate** food he found in the desert: insects like grasshoppers, and sweet honey.

God had a special job for John. God wanted John to tell people that Jesus is God's Son.



John stayed near the Jordan **River**. He told people to get ready for Jesus.

John told people, "God will forgive you for doing wrong things. But stop doing wrong things. Do good things."

People wanted to know good things to do. They asked John, "What should we do?"



John answered, "If you have two coats, **give** one coat to a person who has no coat. If you have extra food, give some to hungry people."

John told some other people more ways to do what is right. "Don't take money that doesn't belong to you," he said.

He told some soldiers, "Don't say someone did wrong when you know that person did NOT do anything wrong. Tell only what is true."

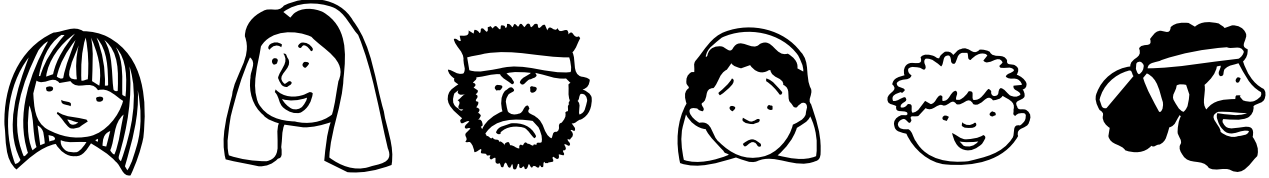


Many people **listened** to John. They stopped doing wrong things. They promised to do what is right. Then John baptized them. He used water to show that God forgives people for the wrong things they do. John helped people learn to do good things.





Draw lines to show where these faces are in the picture below.



John told people to do good. Jesus helps us do good. The Bible says, "Stop doing wrong and do good." (See Psalm 34:14.)



- Color a person who looks happy YELLOW.
- Color a person who looks angry RED.
- Color a person who looks sad BLUE.