



Adventures in Faith St John the Baptist



Hi families,

I hope you enjoyed our St John the Baptist school service. If you haven't seen it yet it can be found on our church facebook page or our YouTube Channel at this link...

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Every week I put together a resource to help our families explore that week's story at home. Do have a look through and dip in. There is a maze to interactive with, and a word search to have a go at and a series of activities to help you to explore the story as a family at whatever level works for you. Maybe, you might like to try something new.

Sharon

Connection

Can you remember the last time you were so excited about something that you had to tell others? John the Baptist was like that. He was so excited about Jesus and God's message that he had to tell people.

Tell the story

You could read the Bible story together (its a couple of pages down) which tell part of John the Baptist life after he had baptised Jesus.

It tells the story of how lots of people recognised the John the Baptist was special but couldn't work out who he was! They asked if he was Elijah a prophet come back to life, but he said no he wasn't!

They asked if he was God's promised one and again John said no. However he said he was the one that Isaiah promised, the person that would tell everyone to get ready for God's promised one.

People were a little confused so John explained. He said 'I come and tell you to repent (turn back to God) and baptise people in water but when God's promised one, Jesus comes He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit. John knew it was wonderful news that Jesus would come and give the Holy Spirit - the presence of God himself.

John knew this was such good news he wanted everyone to know. John spend his whole life telling people about Jesus and pointing to him as the one to focus on.

You might like to dress up and act out the story and think about what it would be like to be John the Baptist, wearing camel hair and eating locusts and honey.

Explore the story

As you think about the story maybe you could think about these questions together...

- why did people think that John was 'the promised one' (or the Christ)
- why do you think they asked if he was a prophet like Elijah
- John could have taken all the attention he was being given and accepted it and become even more well known but he didn't and pointed to Jesus. Do you think that's any easy thing to do? How do you think he could do that?
- what do you think about John the Baptist?
- what do you think about Jesus?

Prayer

The children said a prayer in our service and used the parts of your body. This prayer is also below. You might like to touch the parts of your body as you say the prayer. Use the space to add your own prayers by writing or drawing.

Reflection

As we think about the prayer, and how John the Baptist pointed towards Jesus, what can we do to show God's love to others?



Heart - John the Baptist believed in his heart that Jesus was sent by God to take away our sin and show us God's love. What do you believe about Jesus in your heart?



Head - John the Baptist knew in his mind who he was. John knew that he was God's child and had a special job to do telling others about Jesus. Do you know that you too are God's special child and He has given you gifts and talents that are just for you? What gifts and talents has God given you?



Lips - John the Baptist spoke out to tell others about Jesus. How can we use our words to tell others about God loves and say kind things to them? Who can you say something kind to today.



Hands and Feet - John the Baptist pointed to Jesus to tell everyone who He was. How can we use our hands and feet to do kind things for others to show and to tell them about God love for them.

Faith in everyday life

As situations arise this week remind each other of these truths and think about how we can bless others and point them to Jesus.



Bible Story From John chapter 1

John Tells People About Jesus

¹⁹ The Jews in Jerusalem sent some priests and Levites to John. The Jews sent them to ask, "Who are you?"

²⁰ John spoke freely and did not refuse to answer. He said clearly, "I am not the Christ."

²¹ So they asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He answered, "No, I am not Elijah."

Then they asked, "Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No, I am not the Prophet."

²² Then they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to tell those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³ John told them in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"I am the voice of a man

calling out in the desert:

'Make the road straight for the Lord.'" (Isaiah 40:3)

²⁴ In the group of Jews who were sent, there were some Pharisees. ²⁵ They said to John: "You say you are not the Christ. You say you are not Elijah or the Prophet. Then why do you baptise people?"

²⁶ John answered, "I baptise people with water. But there is one here with you that you don't know. ²⁷ He is the One who comes after me. I am not good enough to untie the strings of his sandals."

²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan River. This is where John was baptising people.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, "Look, the Lamb of God. He takes away the sins of the world! ³⁰ This is the One I was talking about. I said, 'A man will come after me, but he is greater than I am, because he was living before me.' ³¹ Even I did not know who he was. But I came baptising with water so that the people of Israel could know who he is."

³²⁻³³ Then John said, "I did not know who the Christ was. But God sent me to baptise with water. And God told me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and rest on a man. That man is the One who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.'" John said, "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven. The Spirit looked like a dove and rested on him. ³⁴ I have seen this happen. So I tell people: 'He is the Son of God.'" [1] The First Followers of Jesus

³⁵ The next day John [1] was there again with two of his followers. ³⁶ He saw Jesus walking by and said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" [1]



What do you think John the Baptist was like? Draw a picture or write your notes here. Or maybe you'd like to make a play dough model.

John the Baptist told people about Jesus and showed them who He was. Here are some prayers to help us think about our parts of the body as we pray.

Point to the right part of your body, say the prayer and write down anything you think of that you could do, or people you could talk to or help.

Heart - John the Baptist believed in his heart that Jesus was sent by God to take away our sin. Help our hearts to be full and faith and believe too.



Head - John the Baptist knew in his mind who he was. John knew that he was God's child and had a special job to do telling others about Jesus. Help us to know too that we are precious and loved by God. Help us to remember that we can do special things for God and show others His love.

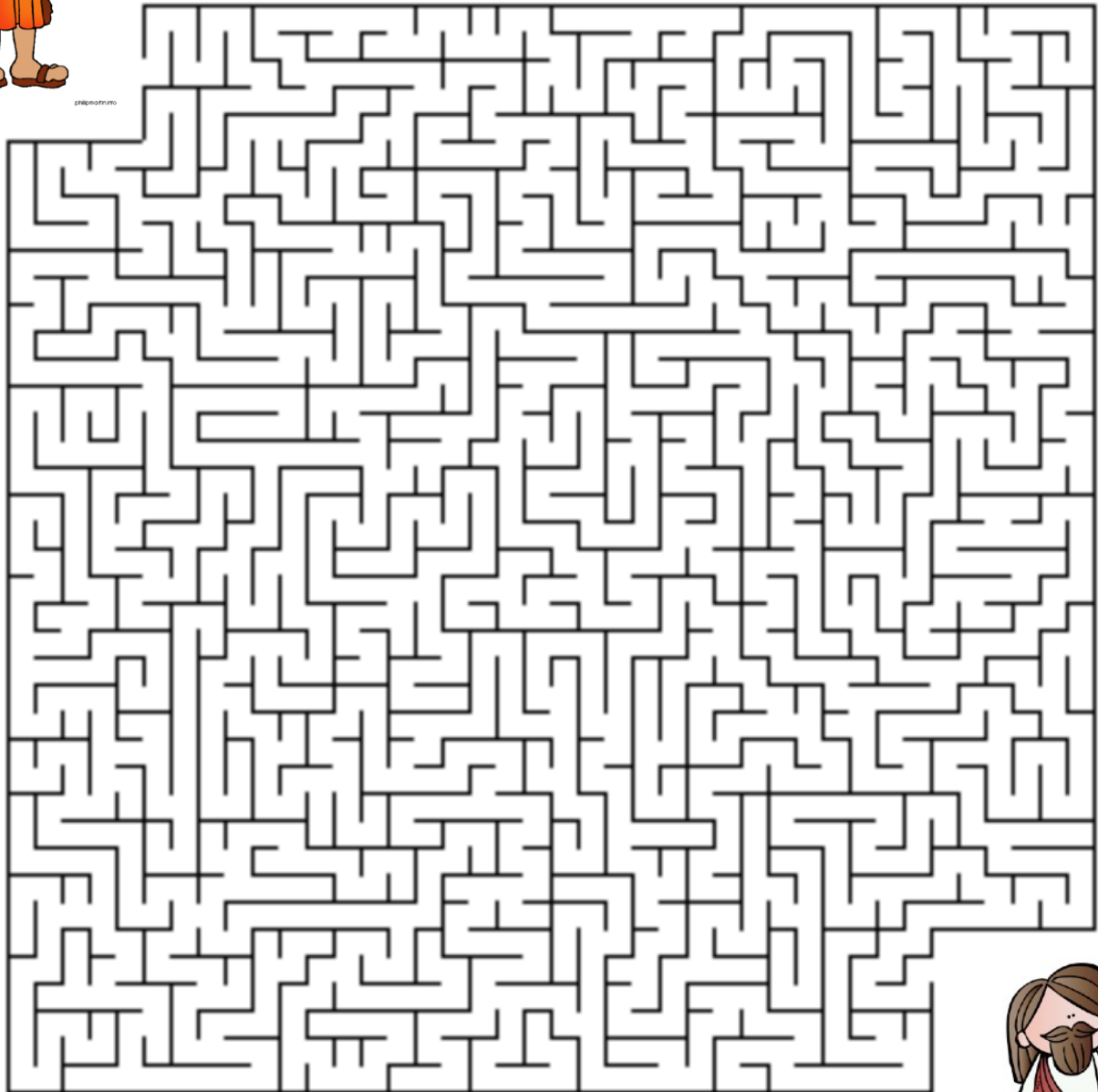
Hands and Feet - John the Baptist pointed to Jesus to tell everyone who He was. Help us to use our hands and feet to go and do kind things for others, to show them, as well as tell them about God's love.



Lips - John the Baptist spoke out to tell others about Jesus. Help us to use our lips to speak truth and kind words. Help us to tell others about Jesus and God's love for us.



Find the way through the maze to link Jesus and John the Baptist together



John the Baptist

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V T Z T Z I S A D V C J L J F
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S E S H H G O Z X I O I U S F
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BELT
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HONEY
ISAIAH
JESUS
JOHN
JOHNTHEBAPTIST
LAMBOFGOD
LOCUST
MINISTRY
PREACHED
PREPARETHEWAY
REPENT
WILDERNESS

*How many words that link
to John the Baptist's life
can you find in the word
search below?*



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