



## John's Baptism

November 28

Luke 3:1-17

### Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Talk about the instructions John gives his listeners. *Why does John say these things? How do these instructions help us prepare for Jesus?*
- Talk about what it means to be prepared for something, versus not being prepared
- Talk about how we prepare for a visit from someone important
- John came to prepare the way - like setting the table before dinner
- Talk about repentance and its meaning: a 180 degree turn away to the opposite direction

### Discussion Ideas and Questions

- *What did John call people to do? What does it mean to prepare for something? Who was John preparing the people for? How do we prepare for Jesus?*
- *John's job was to help people be ready. What kinds of things do you have to get ready for? Why is it important to be ready?*
  - *These people were waiting for a Messiah to come and rescue them. However, they needed to get their hearts ready first. They thought they were ready because they were part of the 'right' family, but they needed to repent and turn from their wrong actions. How can we get our hearts ready for Jesus?*

### At Home Connections

- Have a surprise dinner: tell your kids to set the table with certain things that give them clues about what they will be eating, and then have them guess what their meal is. Or tell your kids what they'll be eating and help them figure out what needs to be put on the table.