

John Baptizes Jesus

Lesson 4 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Matthew 3:1-17

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **Who was John the Baptist, and what work did he do to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. Baptism is called the “sacrament of initiation,” marking a person’s admission into God’s family and the start of their walk with God. What does the Holy Spirit do in baptism for people who are born in sin and spiritually dead? (See Ephesians 2:1-5; Titus 3:5; Acts 2:38)
14. Does it matter how the water of baptism is applied? Does the manner of application give baptism its power? (See Mark 7:3-4; Ephesians 5:25-26)

15. Who does God command us to baptize? (See Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; Acts 16:15)
16. Is there any good reason for a Christian to refuse baptism? (See Acts 8:36)

Lesson wrap-up

Who was John the Baptist, and what work did he do to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus?