

Opening:

As you come together for Sunday school, call out “Prepare the Way of the Lord! Prepare the Way of the Lord!” If you want to really have fun with it, have some honey roasted peanuts or something friendly to your family on hand and pretend to eat locusts in honey.



Bible Story & Craft Demonstration:

We talk so much about Jesus’s story, but how do you think it felt to be John leading up to Jesus’ baptism? He was living in the wilderness and people thought he was crazy, ranting and raving, eating bugs and growing hairier by the day! Why would Jesus go to him? Watch this video for more about John, Jesus, and the transformational power of water!

Follow-Up Family Activities:

Wax Resist & Chalk Painting:

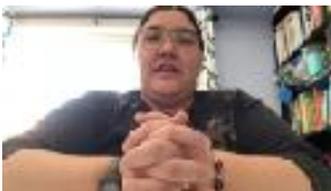
After watching the demonstration, print the attached colouring page (or use any you have on hand, but make sure it can handle getting wet!). Use crayons to create wax resistance on areas you want to have colour and don’t want getting wet. You can even add wavy lines to the river and see what happens after. Place a piece of blue chalk (sidewalk chalk works best) to a bowl of water and wait ~5 minutes for the chalk to soften. Then finger paint with the wet chalk on the outside. Talk about the transformative power of the water and how it changes the look and texture of the chalk on the artwork!

Life Giving Water - “How Much Water?”:

Many communities in the world don’t have access to much clean water, if any, and this negatively impacts their life! Could you imagine having to decide what’s worth using water on and what to save water on? Find 25 small stickers (or cut 25 bits of paper about 0.5” sq. in size). Print the attached page “How Much Water?” And decide how you will portion your 25 units of water for the week. What needs more water? What needs less? Do you have enough to get through the week? As you go through the week, mark down each time your household uses water and see how you measure up!

Closing Prayer & Song:

Finish the lesson with this final prayer. This semester’s theme song is one to give us all hope and strength and recognize the promise God gives us in Jesus’s ministry...try learning the actions and singing along over the coming weeks!



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The Power of Water
John Baptizes Jesus

Mark 1:4-11



How Much Water?

Bath or Shower



Brush Teeth



Wash Laundry



Wash Dishes



Drink Water

