

Date January 23, 2022
Scripture/Bible Story/Theme John Baptizes Jesus Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1 – Children's Illustrated Bible p.p. 202-203 God's love for Jesus and all of us through baptism
Workshop Name Honey Bugs
Opening Prayer Dear God, Thank you for loving each and every one of us. Thank you for coming to us and forgiving us no matter what we do. Help us to show that love to others and to accept others. Help us to reach out to other people in understanding, in love, and in generosity. Amen
Objectives 1. Children will know that God has called them into being and has a unique purpose for each of them. 2. Children will see the importance of John's wilderness experience as a way to simplify their lives and listen for God's call. 3. Children will know that God calls them to repent from dishonest, disobedient and sinful lives. 4. Children will know that repentance means to turn away from sin and to seek to live honest, obedient and helpful lives. 5. Children will know that baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ.
Supplies crescent roll dough pretzel sticks raisins honey cookie sheets spatula napkins
Activity Before reading provide the following introduction: Jesus' baptism is written about in all four of the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The story starts out with the work of Jesus' cousin, whom we call John the Baptist. John's job was to tell people that someone great, Jesus the Christ, God's Son, was coming. Baking Unroll dough and divide into precut triangles. Shape each crescent roll triangle into a body and head of a bug. Add raisins for eyes.

Break stick pretzels in smaller pieces and add for legs. 3 per side for insects, 4 per side for spiders.

Bake as instructed on crescent roll package.

Brush with honey after baking.

Serve with a cup/bowl with a dab of honey to dip their 'bug' into.

While the “bugs” are baking discuss the following:

John was a special messenger from whom? God

What was John's job? John's job was to prepare the way for the Lord.

How did he do that? By preaching about God's love and modeling that in his behavior and calling for the people to repent.

Where did the baptism of Jesus take place? The River Jordan

Why was John reluctant to baptize Jesus? He knew that Jesus was God's son.

Why were others coming to be baptized? The others had heard John's preaching and wanted to follow his ways.

Why did Jesus want John to baptize him anyway? That was God's plan.

What happened when Jesus was baptized? God spoke.

What came down? The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.

What did God say? This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.

Who are the children of God? Everyone who believes in Jesus.

What does God want you to do? Follow his directions, repent when we do wrong and tell others about Jesus.

Reflection/Evaluation – The students are to copy the memory verse into their journal. They are to write an answer to the following questions. If they are unable to write an answer they may illustrate an answer instead. What does baptism mean to you? Have you been baptized? What is God asking you to do? **Lord's Prayer**