

# JOHN THE BAPTIST



***Prepare the way for the Lord!***

## EAT A LOCUST ☆

***An ugly but tasty snack activity to remember John the Baptist.***

### TOPICS:

John the Baptist

### MATERIALS:

Round or oblong (preferred) crackers  
Stick pretzels  
Chocolate chips or M&M's  
Peanut Butter\*  
Plastic knives or spoons



### DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

\* Make sure no one is allergic to peanuts. If so you can substitute cake icing.

### WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Help the kids spread peanut butter on one cracker. Then have them add pretzel sticks so they stick out the sides resembling legs. Then place another cracker on top. Use more peanut butter and chocolate chips to make eyes. Then enjoy. If time permits, each child can make several locusts to eat and take home. Save for snack time.

### WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

John the Baptist was really a hard worker. His job was to tell the people that Jesus was coming soon and they should stop doing bad things. He was so caught up in his job, that he ate whatever he could find in the wilderness. He couldn't go to the store and buy food, or spend time fishing. So he ate bugs. Locusts to be exact. And wild honey. The honey part sounds pretty good right? But bugs?

Let's see if we can make a snack that looks like a locust, but will be tasty to eat.

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## SPECIAL PEOPLE OF THE BIBLE (NT)

### LESSON 1: JOHN THE BAPTIST ☆

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*Children will learn how John the Baptist was very special to God because he prepared the people for Jesus.*

#### TOPICS

John the Baptist, Special, Self-Worth

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

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#### WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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#### BIBLE VERSE (7 MINUTES)

**"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth" Luke 1:14 NIV**

Explain to the children that John was a special person and the people were happy when he was born, just like the children in your class are special, and you are happy they were born.

#### BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the story about John the Baptist right from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

#### Introduction:

Everyone has a special talent, something you are good at doing. We all have something important to do for God. He has given us all special gifts to do His Will. Today's story is about John the Baptist. His special gift was to tell people that Jesus was coming. He worked so hard telling the people about Jesus, that he didn't care what he had to eat. So he ate whatever he could find. He ate locusts and honey.

#### Read Matthew 3:1-6 (John the Baptist)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What did John the Baptist eat for food? (*Locusts and honey.*)
2. What did John the Baptist come to do? (*Tell people that Jesus was coming.*)
3. Did many people go out to see John? (*Yes.*)
4. If you were living back then, how far would you walk to see John the Baptist?
5. What did the people do when they saw John the Baptist? (*They confessed their sins.*)
6. Why was John the Baptist special to God? (*He worked hard telling people about Jesus.*)

#### FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

**Go to the Jordan River (Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

**Eat A Locust (Snack Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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For today's snack the children can eat some of the locust cookies they created. If you did not do the snack activity, you can serve raisins and apple juice to compare to bugs and honey. As you eat, ask the kids to share some of the food they would not want to eat and why.

#### CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

Have one child pretend to be John the Baptist. Have the other children come up to him or her one by one as John the Baptist tells them, "Jesus is the Lord, and He loves you!" After everyone has been told, have another child be John the Baptist for a while to share the good news.

#### NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to learn about more special people in the Bible.

#### TAKE HOME PAGE

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