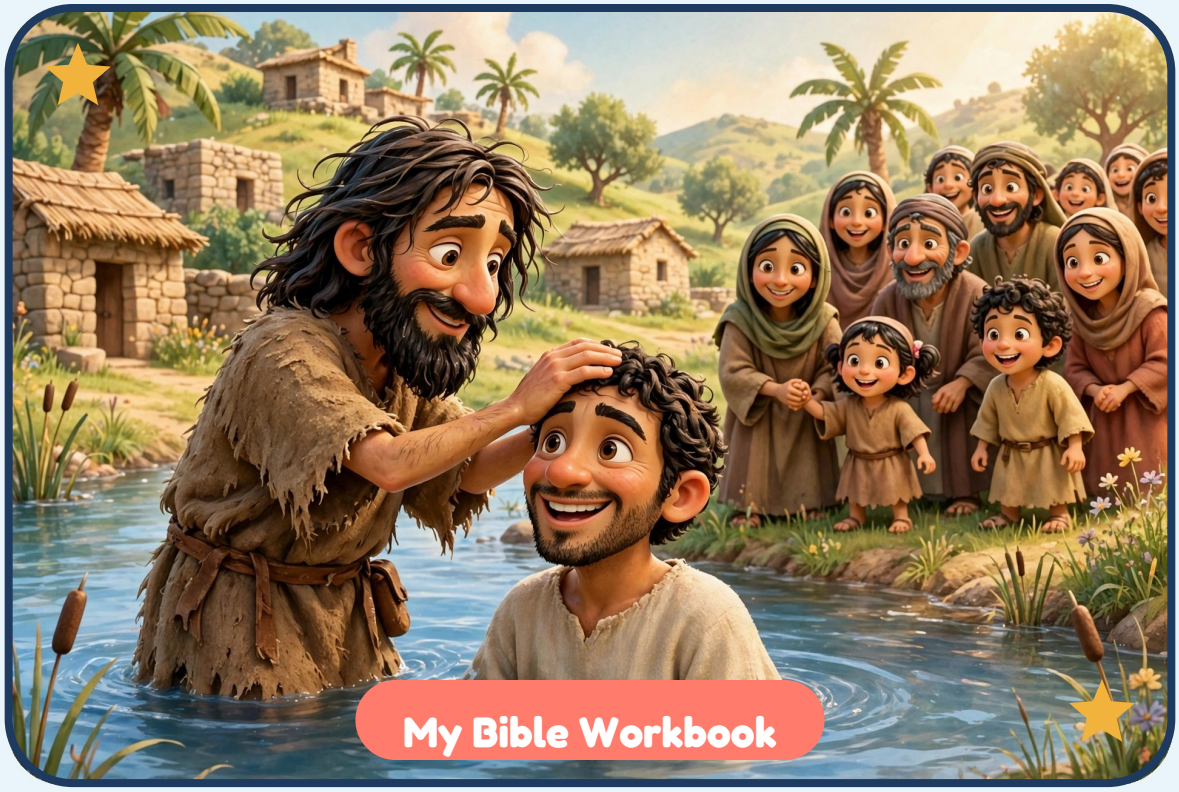
LESSON 7

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Found in Matthew 3:1 to 12 and others



This workbook belongs to: _____

The Story of John



A long time ago, before Jesus started His work, there was a man named John the Baptist. John was a special messenger from God. He lived in the wilderness, wearing clothes made of camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. His message to the people was simple: "Repent! Turn away from your sins and follow God."

Many people came to listen to John. He baptized them in the Jordan River, showing that they wanted to leave behind their sins and obey God. Some thought John might be the promised Savior, but John said, "I am not the Messiah! Someone greater is coming, and I am not even worthy to untie His sandals."

John was talking about Jesus! He was preparing the people to meet their Savior.

3 Things to Remember

- ★ John was chosen by God to prepare the way for Jesus.
- ★ Repentance means turning away from sin and choosing to follow God.
- ★ Jesus is greater than any prophet or teacher. He is the Son of God!

Learn the Memory Verse

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."

- Matthew 3:3

Say the verse out loud 3 times. Colour a star each time! 

Fill in the Missing Words

Prepare the _____(1) for the _____(2), make _____(3) _____(4) for him.

WORD BANK

paths - Lord - way - straight

Practise writing these verse words:

way

Lord

straight

Unscramble Fun!

Unscramble the letters to make a story word. The clue will help you!

N H O J

A long time ago, before Jesus started His work, there was a man named _____ the Baptist.

_____

N E P R T

His message to the people was simple: "_____!

_____

S S I H E A M

Some thought John might be the promised Savior, but John said, "I am not the _____!

_____

Y E N O H

He lived in the wilderness, wearing clothes made of camel's hair and eating locusts and wild _____.

_____

S S A N D L A

Someone greater is coming, and I am not even worthy to untie His _____."

_____

Put the Verse Words in Order

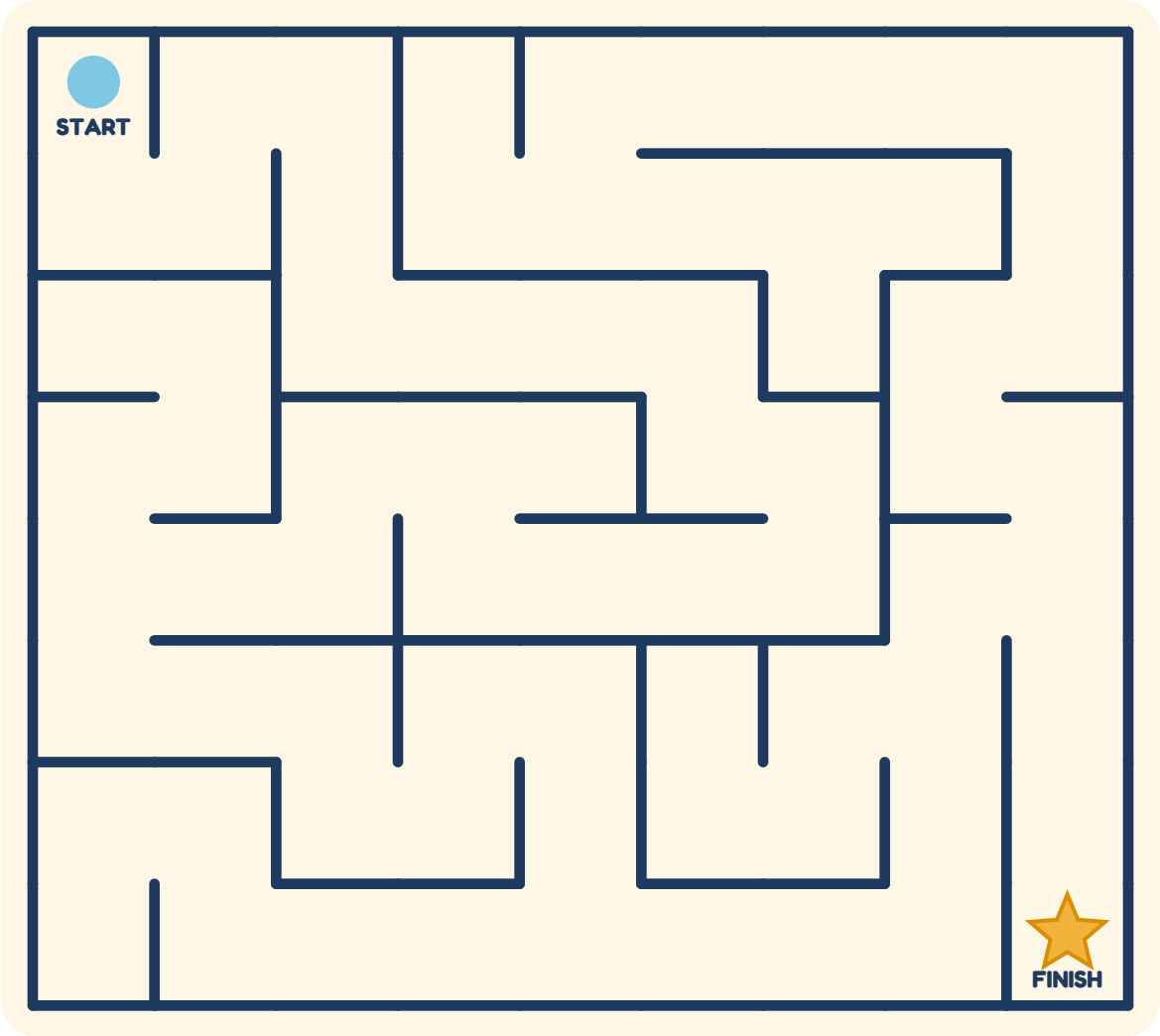
These words are mixed up! Write them in the right order from Matthew 3:3.

for | the | way | Prepare | Lord | the

1	2	3	4	5	6

Make a Straight Path to the River

Draw a line from START to the shining star to follow John to the Jordan River!



John baptized the people in the Jordan River!

Story Word Search

Find the 8 story words hidden in the letters.
Words go across or down. Circle each word you find!

J	E	S	U	S	P	L	H	B	U
K	E	H	U	F	K	O	A	R	E
W	I	L	D	E	R	N	E	S	S
F	C	A	P	I	Y	A	F	J	H
Y	B	M	F	W	C	S	I	O	O
B	A	P	T	I	S	T	G	R	N
E	J	O	H	N	F	A	D	D	E
G	L	K	Y	C	T	L	K	A	Y
R	E	P	E	N	T	C	H	N	V
U	S	A	N	D	A	L	S	F	P

Words to find:

- ☐ John
- ☐ Baptist
- ☐ Repent
- ☐ Jordan
- ☐ Jesus
- ☐ Wilderness
- ☐ Honey
- ☐ Sandals

Colour the Story!



John calls out: Prepare the way for the Lord!

(Matthew 3:3)

Colour the picture from the story.

What colour will you make the river water?

Draw and Write

Draw John by the Jordan River

Draw John in the wilderness, calling people to follow God.

One thing I learned:

My favourite part of the story was:

Quiz Time!

What do you remember? Colour the circle beside the right answer.

1. What did John tell the people to do?

- ◯ Repent and follow God
- ◯ Build a big city
- ◯ Hide in the wilderness

2. Where did John baptize people?

- ◯ In the sea
- ◯ In the Jordan River
- ◯ In a well

3. What did John eat in the wilderness?

- ◯ Bread and fish
- ◯ Grapes and figs
- ◯ Locusts and wild honey

4. Who did John say was coming, someone greater?

- ◯ King Herod
- ◯ Jesus
- ◯ Simeon

Let's Pray Together

Thank You, God, for sending John to prepare the way for Jesus. Help me to turn away from wrong things and follow You. Thank You that Jesus is Your Son, greater than all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Answer Key

For parents and teachers - peek only after your child has tried!

Memory Verse - Fill in the Missing Words (page 3)

1. way 2. Lord 3. straight 4. paths

Full verse: "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." - Matthew 3:3

Unscramble Fun! (page 4)

NHOJ = JOHN NEPRT = REPENT SSIHEAM = MESSIAH

YENOH = HONEY SSANDLA = SANDALS

Verse words in order: Prepare - the - way - for - the - Lord

Quiz Time! (page 9)

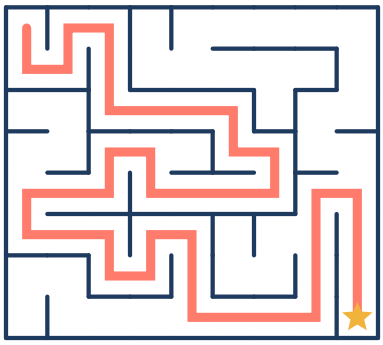
1. Repent and follow God 2. In the Jordan River

3. Locusts and wild honey 4. Jesus

Word Search Answers (page 6)

J	E	S	U	S	P	L	H	B	U
K	E	H	U	F	K	O	A	R	E
W	I	L	D	E	R	N	E	S	S
F	C	A	P	I	Y	A	F	J	H
Y	B	M	F	W	C	S	I	O	O
B	A	P	T	I	S	T	G	R	N
E	J	O	H	N	F	A	D	D	E
G	L	K	Y	C	T	L	K	A	Y
R	E	P	E	N	T	C	H	N	V
U	S	A	N	D	A	L	S	F	P

Maze Answer (page 5)



Well done for finishing Lesson 7! Next: Lesson 8 - The Baptism of Jesus.