



John The Baptist

Trigger

John The Baptist's Lunch

Material

- Lunchbox
- Images of grasshoppers (or real ones!)

Steps

1. Before the children arrive, prepare your lunchbox by placing images of the grasshoppers.
2. As soon as they arrive, ask them: "What did you eat this morning? What do you usually have in your lunchbox? This morning, in my lunchbox, I brought what our character usually ate. Who wants to see what it is?"
3. Then choose a child and let him open the lunchbox and discover this unusual dinner.
4. Ask them, "Who would like to eat grasshoppers for dinner?"
5. Ask them if they know which character in the Bible ate grasshoppers.
6. Discuss the fact that John the Baptist ate grasshoppers.



Optional

- What is green and can jump a mile in a minute? A grasshopper with hiccups!

Key Verse

Matthew 11:11

Multimedia & Clips

Images

freebibleimages.org

Clip-YouTube

1. God's Story: John the Baptist
2. The Baptism of Jesus
3. John the Baptist - JellyTelly 5 Minute Family Devotional

Object Lesson

What's Your Mission?

Material

- 1 deck of cards

Steps

1. Take out the deck of cards.
2. Holding the cards face down, let each child pick one.
3. Hold the cards so that only you can see them.
4. Ask the children to guess which card they have drawn (2 or 3 tries).
5. When after several guess, they still haven't guessed, tell them they can ask you for clues.
6. Then explain how much easier it is for them to guess their card when you help them. Similarly, it is easier to ask God what we should do instead of trying to guess for ourselves.



Songs

www.youtube.com

- Good In Every Way
- Million reasons

The Heart Of The Father

& Prayer

John the Baptist was impressive! He had a determination that you don't often see in life. He understood his mission: to announce the Savior's coming, and he was willing to do anything to accomplish it. He was even ready to die.

God the Father has prepared a mission for each of us. For some, this mission will be to be a good doctor, for others it will be to be a good worker in a factory; for some, it will be to become a pastor and for others, a musician, an artist... you're going to find out your mission as you grow up. But for now, God has a mission for you. It is the same one as John the Baptist: to announce Jesus to the people around you. How? By your words and by your actions. Just as Jesus showed us what the Father was like through his actions, you too can show the Father's heart to people through your actions by loving them, forgiving them, being kind and full of compassion, uttering words of love and kindness... It is an important mission that the Father entrusts



to us, making him known to people through us. Are you ready to fulfill this mission? Are you ready to become an ambassador of God, the Father, on earth and reflect his heart through your actions and words? The people around you need you.

Prayer

“Father, make me an ambassador for your kingdom, help me everyday to demonstrate who you are to the people around me through my words and actions. Help me to be different from others because Jesus lives in me, because I am a light in the world and I have a mission: to bring people to you. Amen.”

Discussion time

Discuss with the children what they can do to demonstrate the Father’s love to people. It is up to you to find situations and ask them how they should act according to the Father’s heart.

Example: In the schoolyard, a student intimidates another student. How should you act?

Craft

Hero mask

Material

- White mask (half-Venetian mask)
- Acrylic paint
- Brushes



Steps

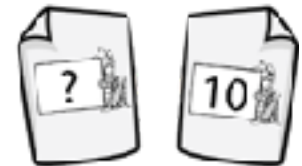
1. Give each child a mask and a brush.
2. Ask the children to decorate them with acrylic paint.
3. Remind them that John the Baptist was a great hero in the Bible.

Activity

Quiz on John the Baptist

Material

- Grasshopper dish (attachement on website) with points
- Dish with questions (attachement on website)



Steps

1. Before class, print images of grasshoppers and write points behind each of them.
2. Put the questions in one dish and the grasshoppers in another dish with the mystery points.



3. Divide the children into two or more teams.
4. The leader draws a question in the question bowl and each team draws a grasshopper to determine how many points that question will earn the team if the correct answer is given.

Physical Activity

Mission!

Material

- None



Steps

1. Ask the children to lie on the floor with their eyes closed.
2. The leader will walk around and touch a child's leg to tell him that they will be John the Baptist.
3. Then the leader will shout Mission! All the children then must get up and the one who is the "John the Baptist" shout: Mission! Mission! (to signify that he is the one who has been designated) and will try to touch the other children. For the duration of the game, the "John the Baptist" must shout Mission! Mission!
4. When a child is touched, he or she will sit on the ground where he or she was touched. The game stops when all the children have been touched by John the Baptist!

Snack

John The Baptist's Menu

Material (for 12 shortbread emojis/emoticons)

- Swiss Rolled Cakes
- Pretzels
- Candy eyes
- Small paper plates



Steps

1. Give each child 1 cake.
2. Ask them to insert 6 pretzels to make the antennae and legs.
3. Ask them to place 2 candy eyes in front of the cake.
4. Eat your grasshopper!