

THE LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus is Baptized

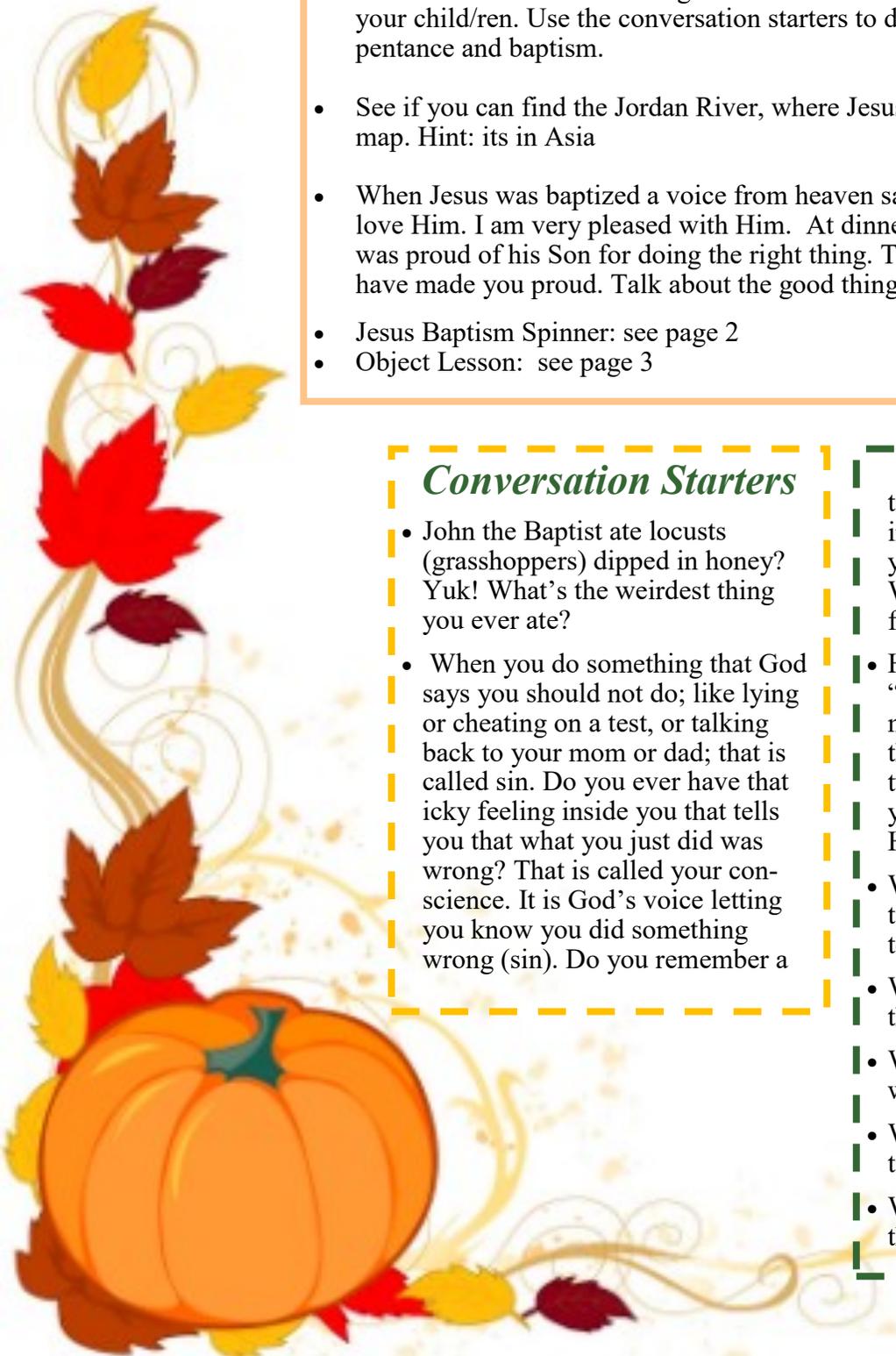
John 1:29: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Weekly Activities

- Read "Heaven Breaks Through" from the Jesus Storybook Bible (JSB) with/ to your child/ren. Use the conversation starters to discuss the story; in particular, repentance and baptism.
- See if you can find the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized, in an Atlas or on a map. Hint: its in Asia
- When Jesus was baptized a voice from heaven said, "This is my own Son. And I love Him. I am very pleased with Him. At dinner tonight, talk about how God was proud of his Son for doing the right thing. Then talk about how your children have made you proud. Talk about the good things you have seen each of them do.
- Jesus Baptism Spinner: see page 2
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Conversation Starters

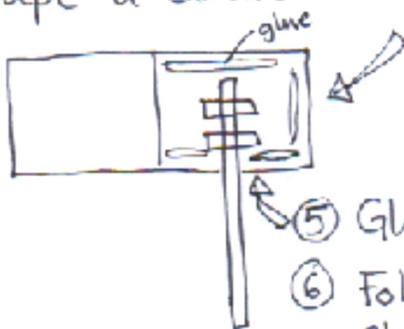
- John the Baptist ate locusts (grasshoppers) dipped in honey? Yuk! What's the weirdest thing you ever ate?
- When you do something that God says you should not do; like lying or cheating on a test, or talking back to your mom or dad; that is called sin. Do you ever have that icky feeling inside you that tells you that what you just did was wrong? That is called your conscience. It is God's voice letting you know you did something wrong (sin). Do you remember a time when you felt pretty awful inside because you did something you know you shouldn't have? What did you do to make that icky feeling go away?
- Have you ever heard the word "repent"? What do you think it means? (to be sorry for the wrong thing you did). It also means to turn away from the wrong things you do and turn to God and let Him rescue you.
- What happens when you are baptized? What do you think it means, to be baptized?
- Who do you think was the voice that spoke from heaven?
- What incredible things happened when Jesus was baptized?
- Why do you think Jesus was baptized?
- Why do you think Jesus is called the Rescuer?



Baptism of Jesus Spinner



- ① cut out the spinner, cutting along the dotted lines -----
- ② Colour the spinner in. Fold down centre line. Open up.
- ③ Turn the spinner over so the picture is face down.
- ④ Tape a straw to one half of the spinner



- ⑤ Glue along the edges of the spinner
- ⑥ Fold one side over the other, so the straw is glued inside
- ⑦ Swizzle the straw between your hand and watch the dove and words appear over Jesus' head!



SIN REVEALED

Object Lesson to demonstrate that even when we try to hide our sins, or pretend they never happened, they have a way of showing up.

Ask Have you ever felt that after doing something wrong, if you just keep it a secret no one will ever find out? Do you know that no matter how hard we try to keep our sins a secret they have a way of becoming known? Let me show you what I mean.

Pour the soda into the glass: This glass represents you, and this soda, well it represents a place where we hide our bad secrets, maybe deep inside our heart where we do not want anybody to know. Now these buttons here represent sin.

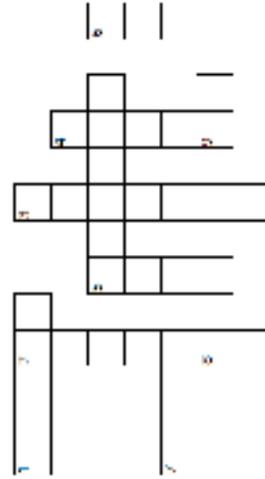
Point to buttons. This button is that time you lied to someone, this button is that time you did not want to share with your friend, and this button represents that television show your parents told you not to watch, but you did anyway. I am going to drop these sins into this glass of soda, and they will be hidden from our sight, just like hiding our sins.

Drop all buttons into the cola. Can you see them? They are hidden. Nevertheless, we can only keep these sins a secret for a little while; eventually sin has a way of coming to the surface. Look, there they are. Sin cannot be hidden forever. Therefore, instead of trying to hide sin, we need to try our best to do what is right. When we do fail, we know that we can ask Jesus to forgive us, and he will. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1John 1:9) He will clean us of our sins, just like this.

Remove buttons with spoon. Now our heart (soda) is clean again.

Simple Prayer to pray with your children: Jesus, we pray that You'll help us to repent. Help us to turn from the wrong things that we do and start doing the good things that You want us to do. And help us to do what we can to prepare the way for other people to believe in You. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

FORGIVE
CONFESS

JORDAN
WATER

JOHN
SIN

LOVE
VOICE

REPENT
HONEY

DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
5. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.



Children's Worship Bulletin

The Lord's Baptism

Mark 1:1-12

Word Search

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