

THE MESSAGE OF

John the Baptist

MATERIALS NEEDED

- a computer with internet access
- a computer projector
- precut paper hearts, one for each child
- red crayons, one for each child
- a board or poster to write on

Activity

- Show the video "Tell Me the Story: John the Baptist" (www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OO84K9RuF0, 2:23).
- Ask the following questions to check for comprehension:
 - What was John's Good News? (*That Jesus was God's Son who was coming to save the world.*)
 - Who came to John? (*People who were sorry for their sins.*)
 - How did John help people prepare for Jesus? (*He baptized them.*)
 - What did John say that he was doing? (*Baptizing with water.*)
 - How would Jesus baptize? (*Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit.*)
 - How does the Holy Spirit help us? (*The Holy Spirit helps us to share God's love.*)
- Remind the children that we learn about John the Baptist in Advent because John the Baptist reminds us to prepare our hearts for Jesus to come to us at Christmas.

1. Distribute a precut paper heart and a red crayon to each child.
2. Write on the board, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Instruct the children to copy the prayer onto their paper hearts in big letters.
3. Direct the children to take their hearts home and to display them there. The hearts will remind them and their families to prepare for the coming of Jesus into their hearts at Christmas.



HEART TEMPLATE CAN
BE FOUND ON PAGE 32.

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