

Saturday Mornings February – Preparing

Activity	Equipment	Instructions	Discussion	Picture
<p>1. Locusts & honey</p>	<p>Tortilla wraps Pretzel Sticks 1 Tbsp Cinnamon 2 Tbsp Butter/spread A Little Bit of Honey, A Little Bit of Sugar, Raisins</p>	<p>Cut tortilla into quarters spread the butter all over Sprinkle over the cinnamon, raisins and sugar. Roll them up from the wide end Add raisins for the eyes and broken pretzel sticks for the legs Drizzle over some honey</p> <p>You could make this with croissant dough from a can – so you would need to cook them at this point.</p>	<p>Talk about how yucky sin can feel on the inside when we do what Satan wants us to, leading us away from God. Talk about God’s forgiveness and how to obtain it.</p>	
<p>2. Locust peg</p>	<p>Clothes Peg Pipe cleaners Googly eye Sellotape PVA glue Felt tip pens</p>	<p>Colour the peg Cut the pipe cleaners to create leg lengths plus a shorter antennae length Stick the pipe cleaners to a piece of Sellotape, spread out the length of the peg Stick the pipe cleaners to the peg Place the shorter length in the hole of the peg. Bend the legs down and the antennae up Stick the googly eyes to side of the peg by the hole</p>	<p>Talk about how hard it can be to tell the difference sometimes, and that one of the purposes of ‘the church’ is to differentiate together what is right and wrong in the world/life, and what God’s truthful voice sounds like through the Bible. Explore forgiveness.</p>	

<p>3. Glowing name</p>	<p>Card PVA glue Glitter</p>	<p>Write your name on the card with the glue Sprinkle over the glitter Shake off the excess</p>	<p>Talk about how God had a special purpose for John the Baptist, he told people to get ready for Jesus, the coming Messiah. God knew John's name long before his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, did. God knows each of our names too, and He has a plan for each of us. What do you think God's plan is for your life at the moment?</p>	
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Bible Story John the baptist: Mark 1:1-8

1. The Preaching of John the Baptist

¹ This is the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^[a] ² It began just as God had said in the book written by Isaiah the prophet, "I am sending my messenger to get the way ready for you.

³ In the desert someone is shouting, 'Get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him.'"

⁴ So John the Baptist showed up in the desert and told everyone, "Turn back to God and be baptized! Then your sins will be forgiven."

⁵ From all Judea and Jerusalem crowds of people went to John. They told how sorry they were for their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

⁶ John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He had a leather strap around his waist and ate grasshoppers and wild honey.

⁷ John also told the people, "Someone more powerful is going to come. And I am not good enough even to stoop down and untie his sandals.^[b] ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"