

LESSON 4—*John Baptizes Jesus*

Questions and Answers—Student Guide

Lesson goal: The goal of this lesson is to answer the questions, “Who was John the Baptist, and what work did he do to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus?”

Pre-Lesson Preparation

Read Matthew 3:1-17

Think

Think about this: Have you been baptized? If so, when were you baptized and who brought you to be baptized? If not, have you ever witnessed a baptism? What happens during a baptism? Let’s look closer at the section that you read in Matthew 3:1-17.

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin or sins does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. Read Luke 1. What was the background of John the Baptist?
14. Give an overview of baptism, from both the Old and New Testament.
15. If someone hasn’t yet been baptized, what can they do?

Lesson wrap-up

16. Who was John the Baptist, and what work did he do to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus?