

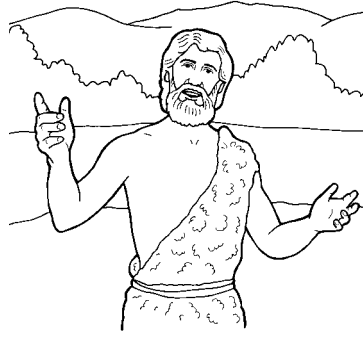
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### ☆Let's Talk

**ASK** *Who do you see in the picture?*

**SAY** John preached to the people by the Jordan River. He told the people they needed to be sorry for their sin, turn away from it, and get ready for the coming Savior. Many people believed John's message. They were sorry for their wrongdoing and were baptized.

**ASK** *Jesus came along. What did he ask John to do?*

**SAY** Jesus was baptized by John because he knew this was what God wanted him to do. Jesus had never sinned and did not need to repent. He had come to be the Savior of his people. It was time for his work of teaching and healing to begin!

**ASK** *What do you think happened after John baptized Jesus?*

**SAY** God spoke from heaven. He said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (*Matthew 3:17*)

### ☆Let's Sing and Move

Give each child a colorful **crepe-paper streamer** about 2 feet in length. Gather children in an open area. Play the song "Jesus Loves Even Me." Let the children move about the room waving their streamers as they sing along.



### ☆Let's Pray

Join hands and form a circle. Say this prayer together. You will say a few words, then the children will echo what you say.

**Dear God, I am sorry for my sin. Please forgive me for the wrong things that I do. Help me to trust and obey you. Help me to please you. Thank you for sending Jesus, my Savior. He came to earth to die for me so that my sins could be forgiven. Thank you for loving me! In Jesus' name, Amen.**