

BOLD TRANSFORMATIONAL^C *Faith*

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ADVENT-ure!

Welcome to our first week on our ADVENT-ure together,
exploring the Christmas story!
Let's jump in!

MAIN TEXT:

Luke 3:1-6- John the baptist prepares the way!

WELCOME:

Check in with your Sunday Schoolers;

- What does Advent mean to you?
- What is one of your favorite parts of the holiday season?
- If you could be candy cane or a christmas cookie what would it be and why?

Invite your Sunday Schoolers to share their Snowman!

- **The bottom snowball:** something big that happened in the past few weeks
- **The middle snowball:** something that is coming up that you are excited about
- **The small snowball:** something that you are hopeful for this season

BOOK:

Luke 3:1-6- John the baptist prepares the way! Page 234 in SPARK bible.

Read together the story of John the Baptist either from the Spark Bible (Read pg 234) or whatever Bible version you like. Ask for a volunteer to read the story aloud or you can too! Then have a discussion using the questions below.

Questions to wonder together;

Younger:

- In the story why do you think they highlighted how unusual John the Baptist was?
 - ◆ What do you think of the food he ate?
- Do you think that John realized the importance of the task he was given by God?
 - ◆ And why do you think it was John that was chosen?
- How would you feel if you were given the task to tell the people that Jesus was coming?!

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Older:

- Who was John before God called on him?
 - ◆ What did he do?
- In the spark bible it is highlighted that John was an "Unusual man," What do you think it says about God, that they call on anyone not just the "usual men"?
- John knew the job was important- how do you think he prepared himself to tell the people Jesus was coming?

LOOK:

Getting Ready!

We know that John the Baptist is telling the people to prepare for Jesus's coming. But how can we get ready? You'll need a white board, paper or anything you can use to make a list. Invite your Sunday Schoolers to take a few moments to think about how they can prepare for Jesus's arrival and a step further, what does it look like?

- Ex: Learn about the season of waiting
- Ex: Decorating for the season
- Ex: Lighting the advent candles and learning what they mean
- Ex: Advent calendar

Once you and your Sunday Schoolers feel the list is complete, reflect on the list and talk about it!

TOOK:

Make a Banner

Gather some art supplies, large pieces of paper, coloring utensils, glue, scissors, old magazines, anything else you want!

Next get creative, invite your Sunday Schoolers to write on the paper something similar to what John said in the story (Prepare the way, JESUS IS COMING!, Get Ready, Jesus is coming). Now decorate it and once complete, invite your Sunday Schoolers to share their banners! Let them know they can hang up their sign at home, in their room, as a reminder of the waiting and the good things to come!

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CLOSING PRAYER:

Gracious God,

As we prepare for Jesus's birth allow us peace and to prepare! We give you thanks for the blessing of your son,
always.

Amen.