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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 14 • Session 4

WE ARE TO REPENT OF SIN

Matthew 3

WHAT IS REPENTANCE? REPENTANCE IS TURNING AWAY FROM SIN AND TURNING TO JESUS.

Around the time Jesus came into the world, a baby named John was born. John was Jesus' cousin.

John brought a message to the people in Judea: "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!"

People from Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the area of the Jordan were going to John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

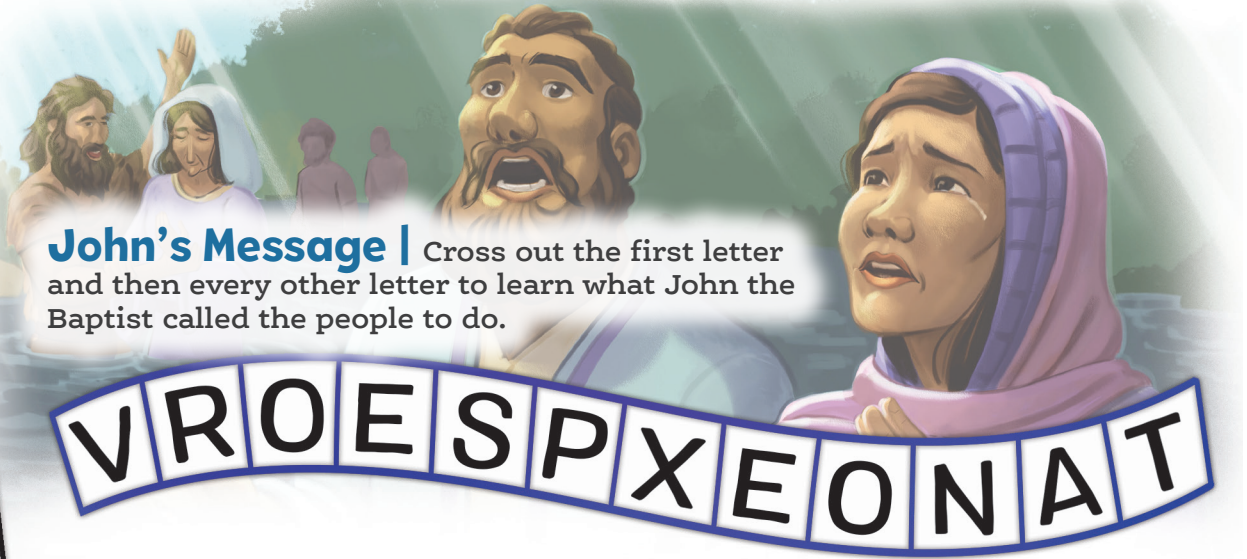
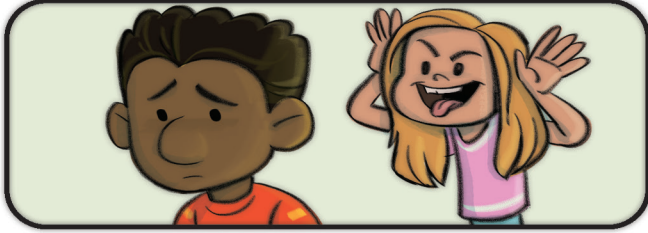
One day, John looked up and saw religious leaders coming toward him. He spoke up, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you that God's wrath is coming? Show that you really do want to turn from your sins."

John explained, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to remove His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Christ Connection: John called people to repent. When we realize that our sin deserves God's punishment and trust in Jesus to save us, we can turn from our sins and live for Jesus. Jesus changes our hearts so we can love God and people.

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Show You Repent | Look at each picture and write out how you could show repentance for the situation.



John's Message | Cross out the first letter and then every other letter to learn what John the Baptist called the people to do.
