

# John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus Week 1



**► Bible Point**

We prepare our hearts for Jesus.

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**Key Verse**

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10).

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**W**e learned this week that John the Baptist told the people to prepare their hearts for Jesus by repenting (Mark 1:1-8) and that God wants us to do the same. Strengthen your family’s faith learning and growth at home with this easy idea:

**Parents** ■■■■■

**Tell about a time a special guest came to your home.** Maybe it was the first time you invited your in-laws to see your new house or perhaps you had your pastor over for dinner. Talk with your children about how you prepared for your special guest. Share things you might do again or things you would do differently the next time you invited a guest into your home. With your children, think about how you would get ready if you knew Jesus was your special guest. Talk about how getting ready for Jesus to visit your home is similar to or different from getting your heart ready for Jesus.

**Pray** ■■■■■

God, help us get our hearts ready for Jesus. Show us what you want us to clean and help us to listen to you so we can please you in everything we do. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Our family thanks God for:

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Our family talks to God about:

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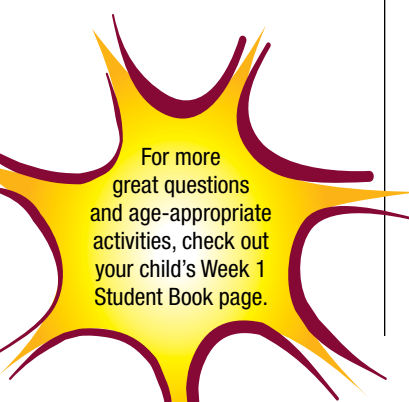
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**Sneak Peek**

Don’t miss next week when we discover who Jesus really is.

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