Nursery -- Level 1

**CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY** 

# **#02 - The Birth of John the Baptist** Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

PICTURES (Note: Inserted in brackets at the appropriate place in the lesson is the number of the picture to show the students.

- 2-1 John the Baptist
- 2-2 Angel Gabriel speaking to Zechariah

#### NURSERY CONCEPT

John came to prepare hearts for Jesus.

## **LESSON CONTENT**

Explanation: (Show lesson picture) (picture 2-1)

#### What is this a picture of?

John the Baptist was a prophet who was sent by God. He was born in a miraculous way and was to make the people ready for the coming of the Savior. His father was Zechariah, who was a priest, and his mother was Elizabeth. They were very old and never had any children.

One day as he was serving in the temple, Zechariah was visited by the angel Gabriel. (picture 2-2) Gabriel said that Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth would have a child. Zechariah doubted what the angel said because Elizabeth was old and barren, which meant that she couldn't have children. Because he didn't believe the angel, Zechariah couldn't speak until the baby was born. Both Zechariah and the angel said that John would be a prophet to prepare the hearts of the people for the coming Messiah (Savior). Who is the Savior God would send? Jesus is the Savior God sent to pay the penalty for our sin and save us.

#### QUESTIONS

Who was Zechariah? What did the angel tell him would happen? What would Zechariah's son John do?

## PRAYER

Thank God for sending John to prepare the way for Jesus. Thank God that he sent Jesus to save us from our sin.

BIG QUESTION (This is for reference only. The nursery children are not expected to learn it.)

What was John the Baptist sent to do? John came to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus

### **CONCEPT MOVEMENTS**

John came to	Make sign of "J"
Prepare hearts	Make a heart over your heart
For Jesus.	Make sign of Jesus.

## COLORING

Color in the lesson picture on the class notes.

## **IDENTIFY**

Name the picture in the boxes on the back of the class notes.

### **LESSON SONG**

#### Praise ye the Lord!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord! Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord! Repeat three times, with each verse getting faster