

# THE TABLE SALT DEVO

"Adding flavor & preserving tradition at the Family Table on the week of Dec 9<sup>th</sup>"



What does your favorite outfit look like?

1. John the Baptist was a preacher who taught during Jesus' lifetime. Where did he preach?
2. What did John look like?
3. What did John eat?
4. What was John's message?
5. What does it mean to repent?
6. John says that he baptized with water for repentance. Yet, he says that the one who comes after him will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Who was the one who came after John?
7. Think of a sin that you have committed this past week and for which you would like to repent. Write it down on a scrap piece of paper. When everyone is done, fold your paper in half and pass it to the person on your right. Each person should be holding another person's sin. Go around in a circle, and look at the person on your left whose sin you hold, and say, "In Jesus' name, your sin is forgiven!" As you do this rip their sin into pieces.

BIBLE FOCUS: Matthew 3:1-12

1In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea 2and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 3This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the desert,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.' "

4John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 7But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 11"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**



## FAMILY CHALLENGE

It's really easy to skip over the season of Advent and jump straight into Christmas. This season, let's take time to **PREPARE THE WAY** for Jesus to come! When your family sets up their nativity scene, leave Jesus out. After all, He's not here yet. Instead, have a mom or dad hide Jesus somewhere in the house, and have the kids find Him on Christmas morning – just like the shepherds did!

