

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

John the Baptist

from Luke 3:1-18

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- John the Baptist
- Baptism
- Camelhair
- Locusts
- Repent
- Messiah

The word “repent” means to turn around and change direction completely. John the Baptist wanted the people to change their sinful ways to get ready for Jesus.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 234-239

Spark Bible page 1132

Family Prayer

We give you thanks, God, for your servant John the Baptist. Help us to hear his message to change the things in our lives that need changing so we can be as prepared as possible for Jesus. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 If you were going to eat bugs, which ones would you eat?
- 2 How do we welcome new people into our family?
- 3 What is your favorite wilderness memory?
- 4 Take turns rolling a die. If the number rolled is even, list that many things you love about your family. If it is odd, list that many things that you would like to change for the better in your family. Help each other out—no winners and losers!



Eye Spark

When you see honey, remember how John the Baptist used to eat it with BUGS!



Ear Spark

When you hear running water, think about baptism and John the Baptist.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make something with honey in it as a sweet treat to enjoy. What would it be like if honey was the only sweetener you had? That's all John the Baptist had to sweeten up those locusts!

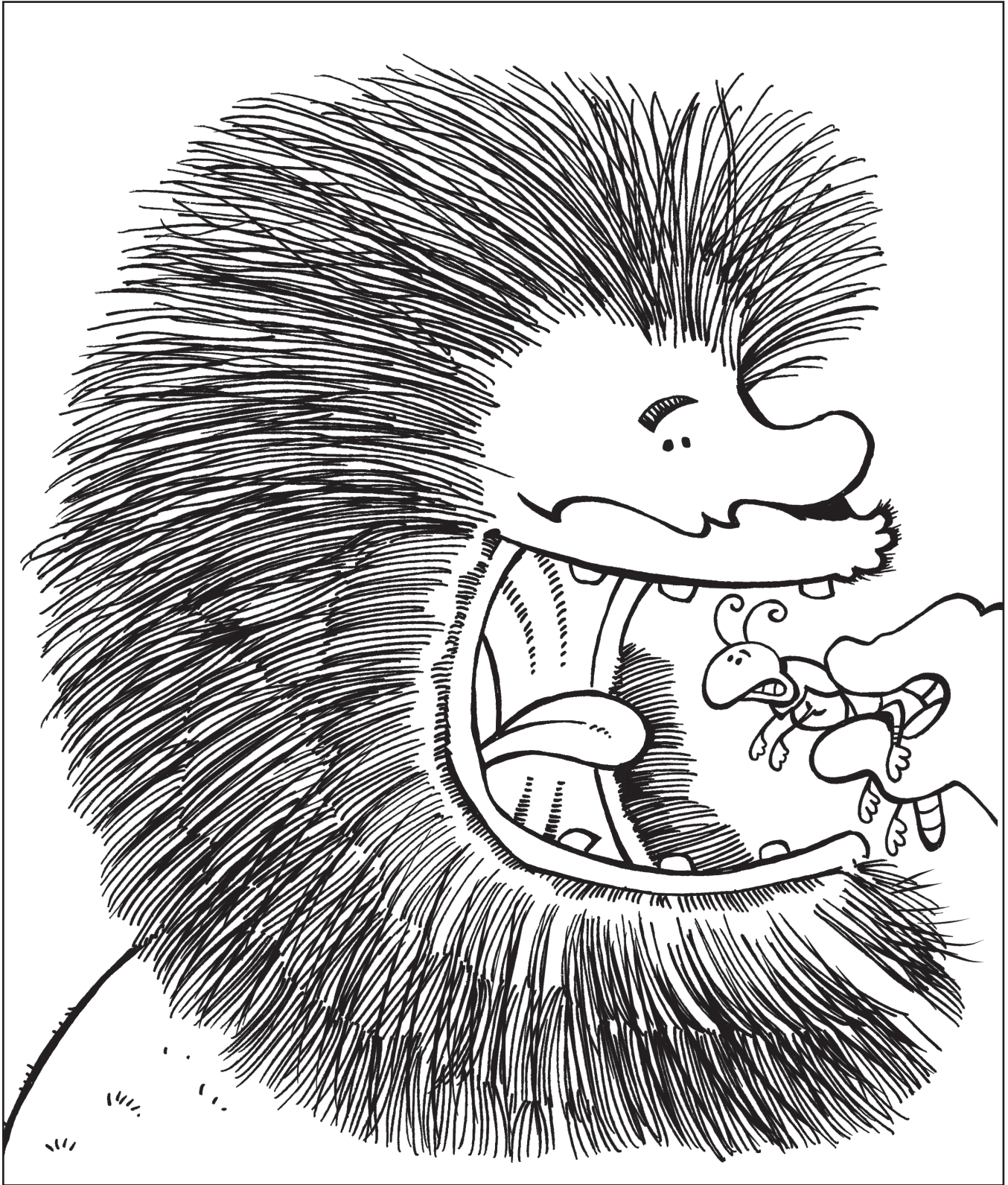
For younger kids

Help somebody in your home get ready for Christmas. Wreath making, tree decorating, or a special baking day can be helpful for someone who is overwhelmed.

For older kids

Make a CD or playlist to accompany your Christmas preparations. These could also make great Christmas gifts!

John the Baptist



John ate strange foods including wild honey and locusts.

Home Sweet (Desert) Home

John the Baptist has made his home in the wilderness, but it looks like it went missing! Can you draw a new home for him? When you are done, color the rest of the picture.



Hidden in the Wilderness

John the Baptist had a message for the people. Do you have a message of your own? Hide it in the rocks in this picture and have one of your friends try to figure it out. Draw bushes, cracks, vines, and any other kind of pattern to help hide your letters!



Packed and Prepared

Just like John, we should be prepared for the coming of Jesus.

Imagine you are packing for a big event or a trip. What do you need to bring to make sure you're prepared? Draw your travel essentials in this suitcase.

