

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR, DESERT PREACHER WARNS

[The Judean Desert] — A strange desert preacher has caught lots of people by surprise. Named John the Baptizer, he wears strange clothes: pieces of camel skin sewn together, with a leather belt around his middle. He eats what he finds out in the desert: locusts [grasshoppers] and wild honey.

Even though John looks and acts so strangely, people pay attention to him. His preaching is powerful. His message is that God's kingdom is coming near to us and will be here before much longer. John warns that the only way to be ready for it is to clean up your life. People need to tell God they want to have their sins forgiven. When they do that, John takes them down to the Jordan River and gives them a washing. That reminds them that they have had all their sins washed away and can be ready for the coming king.

People are getting more and more excited about the kingdom of heaven coming to them.

Matthew 3:1-12

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Fill in the missing word:
H O N E Y



- Picture Differences:
1. Cloud
 2. Bag
 3. Shoes
 4. Flower
 5. Gus
 6. Tree Branch

ANSWERS

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Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "John the Baptizer knew how to trust God for the food he needed. Part of what he ate was made by the cute fellow in the picture below. You have to take your pencil and connect the dots to see what he looks like. When you are finished, write the missing word in the sentence beneath the picture.



Fill In The Missing Word: John the Baptizer lived in the desert, eating locusts and wild _____.

Picture Differences. John the Baptizer preached his message about God's kingdom coming soon. Many people listened and had their sins washed away. In the two pictures below are 6 differences. Can you find them?

