

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***A PROPHET FOR GOD'S PEOPLE /
JOHN BAPTISES JESUS***

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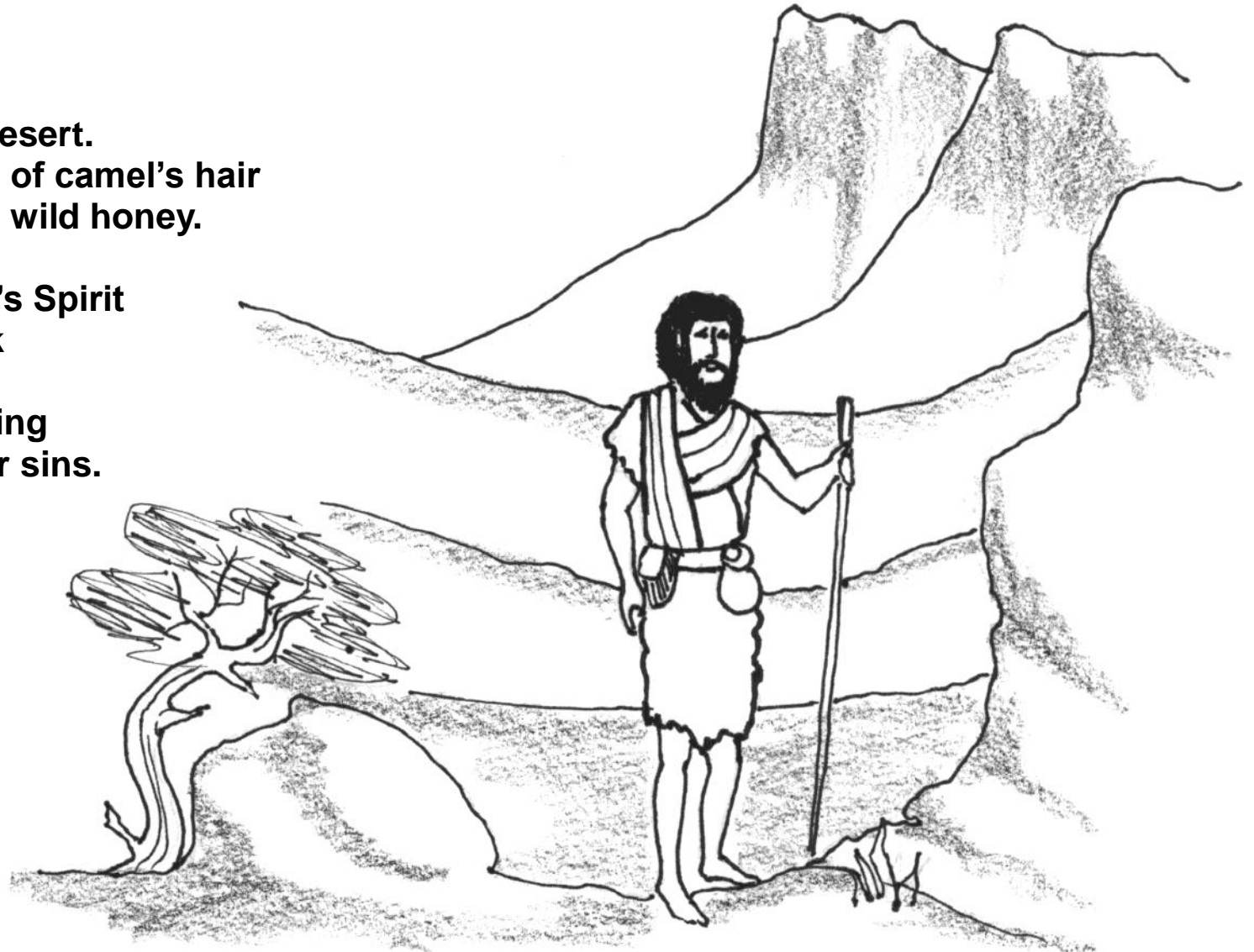
Isaiah 40:3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-34

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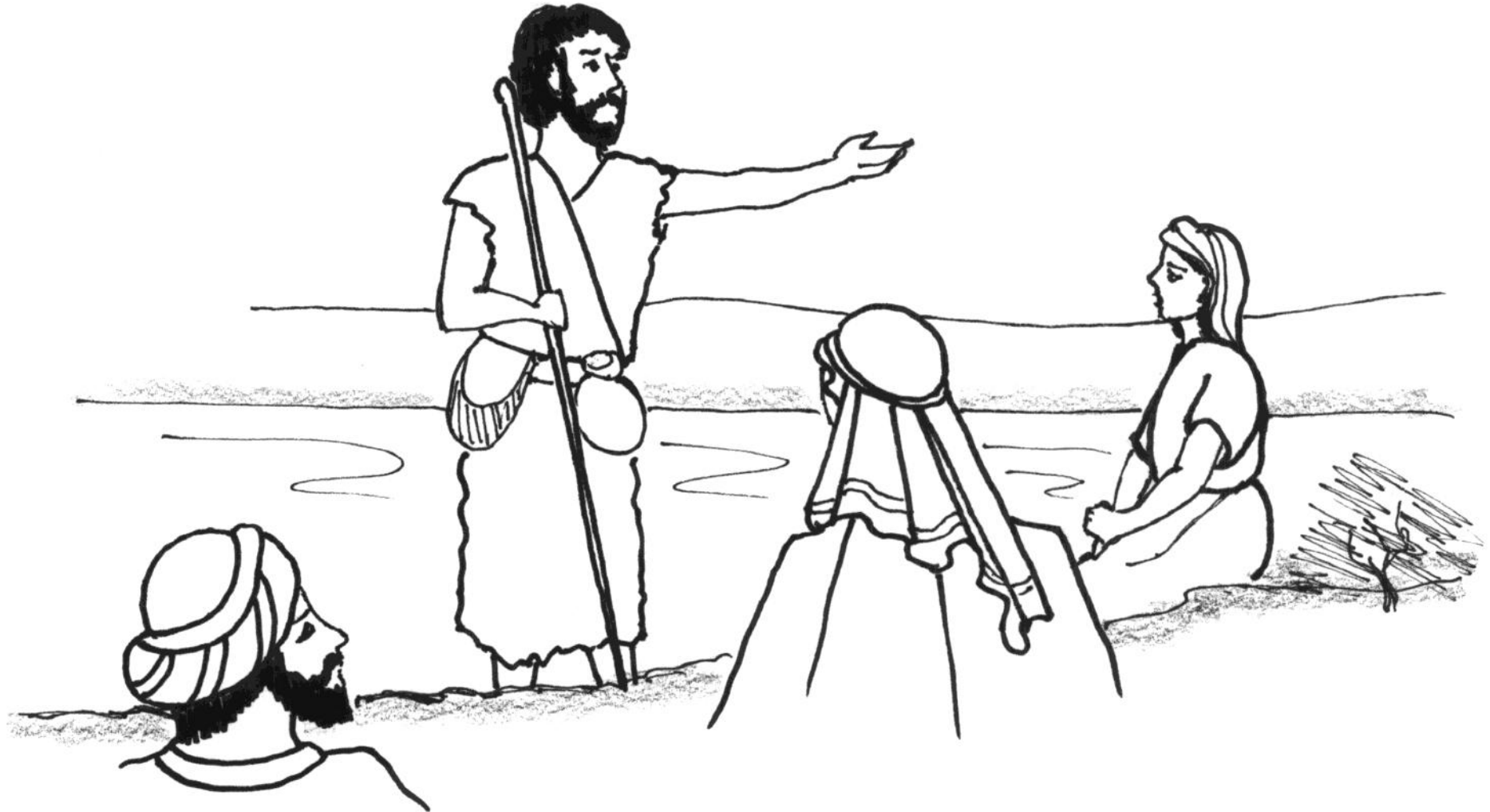
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**When John grew up
he went to live in the desert.
His clothes were made of camel's hair
and he ate locusts and wild honey.**

**He was filled with God's Spirit
and was given the task
of telling God's people
that the Lord was coming
to save them from their sins.**

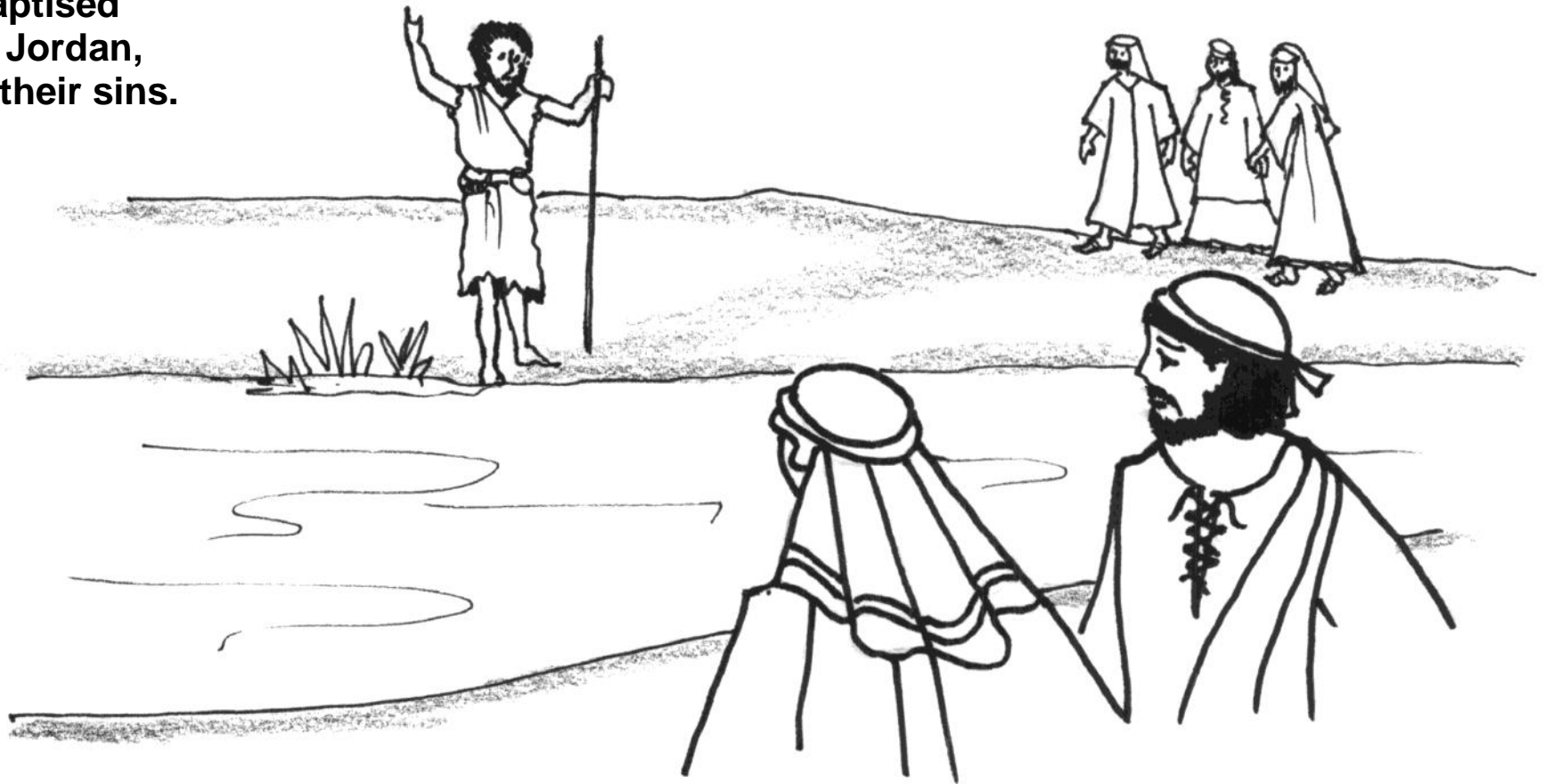


**John stood by the River Jordan saying,
'Repent and be forgiven.
A long time ago
Isaiah told us that God's Son would come.
He is here.
Be ready for Him.'**



**God's people had not heard
God speak to them
through a prophet for a long time.
So they came
from Jerusalem, Judea
and all around the Jordan River
to hear him.**

**A lot of people believed John
and were baptised
in the River Jordan,
confessing their sins.**



**Every day John went to the River.
Every day he told
the people to repent.**

**He would say,
'I will baptise you with water,
but God's Son will baptise you
with the Holy Spirit and fire.'**



**Then one day,
as John was baptising people,
Jesus came along.**

**He went into the river
and wanted John to baptise Him.**

**He was doing what
God, His Father, told Him to do.**



**As He came out of the water,
the heavens opened
and the Spirit of God
came down on Him
like a dove.**

**God, His Father,
spoke from heaven saying,
'You are My Son and I love You.
I am very pleased with You.'**

