

YOUNG TWIGS

year 3, week 4

Luke 3:1–20

John the Baptist tells it like it is: “Repent, sinners!”

He was clear about his message and his purpose. Are you?

Observation: What does it say?

1. *Review:* What is the theme of Luke 2? Write it on the chart on p. 1707.
2. Read Luke 2. Mark key words: *God/pronouns, Jesus/pronouns, Holy Spirit/pronouns, John/pronouns, fire.*
Do you have others?
3. What is the topic of John’s preaching?
4. The crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers all asked John the same question.
What is it? Mark it in your Bible.
5. In Lk 3:16, John mentions two kinds of baptism. What are they?
6. What happens to John when he reprimands Herod the tetrarch?

Interpretation: What does the author mean?

7. What does John tell those who are coming to be baptized by him in Lk 3:8–9?
How would you describe these words? (kind, loving, politically correct, mean, cruel, etc.)

8. In general, what is John saying to the crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers?
What kind of response does he give to the question: “What shall we do?”

9. The word “fire” is used in Lk 3:9, 16, and 17. Does it have the same meaning each time it is used?
If not, what are the different kinds of fire?

10. Luke 3:19 says that John reprimanded Herod because of Herodias, his brother’s wife.
Check the cross reference Mark 6:17–18 to find out why. Why do you think Herod put John in prison?

Application: therefore, what shall I do?

11. If you had asked John, “What shall I do?” what do you think his response would have been to you?

12. In Lk 3:18, it says that John “preached the gospel to the people.” Have you ever used “exhortations” like John’s to “preach” to someone? Who? How do you “preach the gospel?”