

Lesson 5

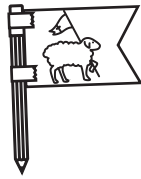
The Pointing Prophet
Matthew 3; John 1:29–34

ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

“Point the Way” Craft

Give each child a 4 x 6-inch note card, an unsharpened pencil, and markers. Show how to cut a V-shape in the short side of the note card to make it look like a banner. Tape a pencil to the opposite side. Draw a cross or lamb design on the flag. Children may sharpen the pencil if they wish and use the flag as a reminder that John pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away sin. What can they tell about Jesus?



Washing Water Play

Set out play plastic dishes and a dishpan of water on a bath towel. Add some soap to make it sudsy. Talk about how water washes away dirt and makes things clean. Say, **God sent John to help people get ready for Jesus. John told them to repent. That means be sorry for your sins. Then he baptized them.**



Lamb of God Hymn

Sing together “Lamb of God” (*Lutheran Service Book* 550). This is a simple hymn to teach and sing or even play on the piano. Older students may enjoy looking in the index of first lines for other hymns that talk about the Lamb of God (*LSB* 434, 962, and 963). Read the hymn stanzas and talk about the meaning and rich language there.



Jump the Jordan

Use masking tape to make two lines on the floor, about a foot apart, for the banks of the Jordan River. The space between is “water.” Children take turns jumping across the river. Gradually increase the distance between the lines. See how far the children can jump before they “get their feet wet” in the river. Say, **John told about Jesus on the banks of the Jordan River. He told people to get ready for Jesus by being sorry for their sins, and then he baptized people.**

