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Sunday—Read John 1:19-34

Preparing the way for the Messiah.

Compare this story of John the Baptist with those in Matthew 3 and Mark 1. How are they the same? How are they different?

Monday—Read 2 Kings 2:7-8

Elijah parts the waters of the Jordan.

Fill a sink with water. Try to part the water into two sides. Thank God for miracles.

Tuesday—Read Malachi 4:5-6

God will send Elijah.

If you were a prophet, what would your message be? Stand and deliver it.

Wednesday—Read Luke 3:1-18

John the Baptist preaches.

How does this version of John the Baptist compare with the ones you read on Sunday?

Thursday—Read Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus is baptized.

Imagine this scene. What would you have thought was happening if you had seen the dove and heard a voice from the clouds?

Friday—Read Matthew 4:1-11

The temptation in the wilderness.

What tempts you to stray from your faith? Pray for strength to withstand temptation.

Saturday—Read Matthew 4:12-17

A prophecy about Jesus.

Take out a map or GPS. Choose a spot and pray for the people there.

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Come and see the Messiah.

Play a short game of "Follow the Leader" doing things that show love to God and to each other, such as praying, waving your hands in the air, giving hugs, etc.

Monday—Read Matthew 4:18-20

Simon and Andrew become disciples.

Simon and Andrew were brothers. Is it hard to talk to your family about Jesus? Why or why not?

Tuesday—Read Matthew 4:21-22

James and John become disciples.

Immediately James and John left their life's work and followed Jesus. What would be the hardest thing for you to leave behind?

Wednesday—Read Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew becomes a disciple.

Matthew was unpopular because he was a tax collector. Who are the people today that other people look down on or do not like? Those are the people that Jesus called; pray for them.

Thursday—Read Matthew 9:35-37

The harvest is great but the laborers are few.

Jesus had compassion for the crowds. For whom do you have compassion? Pray for those people.

Friday—Read Matthew 10:1-4

The twelve disciples.

If you could cure diseases, which would you cure first? Why? Pray for people who suffer from these diseases.

Saturday—Read Matthew 10:5-12

The mission of the twelve disciples.

What do you pack for a trip? What did Jesus tell the disciples to take?