



John the Baptist Activity Center

Song Sheet Handout

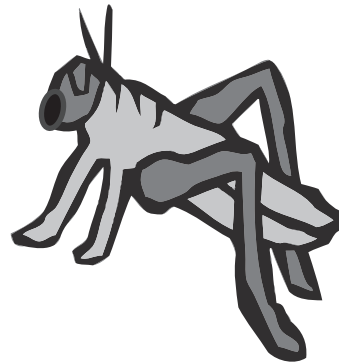
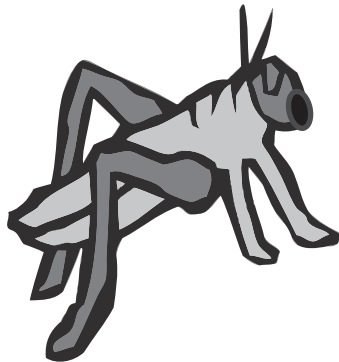
These lyrics should be sung to the tune of "Frère Jacques."

Verse One:

John the Baptist
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Was his name!
Was his name!
He paved the way for Jesus,
He paved the way for Jesus.
God be praised!
God be praised!

Verse Two:

Bugs and honey
Bugs and honey
Did he eat!
Did he eat!
Preaching in the desert,
Preaching in the desert,
"Be baptized!"
"Be baptized!"





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Grasshopper Cookie Handout

Serve these green and brown cookies with honey-colored apple juice to represent John the Baptist's meal of grasshoppers and honey.

Grasshopper Cookie Recipe

- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons vegetable shortening
- 1 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons nonalcoholic mint syrup or *crème de menthe*
(If mint syrup is not available, you can substitute 1 or 2 drops of peppermint extract along with 3 or 4 drops of green food coloring.)
- 1 (8 1/2-ounce) package of chocolate wafer cookies

In small bowl, whip the butter and shortening together until combined. Slowly sift in the powdered sugar and salt. Add the *crème de menthe* or syrup and beat until the mixture is light and fluffy.

Make little sandwiches by spreading one scant teaspoon of the filling between two of the wafer cookies. There should be enough filling for 20 cookies. When all the cookies are assembled, refrigerate until they set.

Time-saving alternative: Check a grocery store for ready-made chocolate mint sandwich cookies.

Fancy but fun alternative: Get a grasshopper-shaped cookie cutter (available in specialty stores and on the Internet) to make rollout sugar cookies. Decorate with green and brown royal icing.





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