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Chapter 14

A Read-to-Me Story

Saint John the Baptist
Feast Day: June 24

John was Jesus' cousin. When he grew up, John went to live in the desert. He wanted to be alone to pray. John prayed that God would tell him what to do with his life.

God gave John an important job. God told John that his mission was to help people prepare for Jesus.

John did everything God asked. He told people to live good lives. He asked people to turn away from sin. People called John a holy man. They asked him to baptize them. John baptized people in the Jordan River.

Some people said that John was the Savior God promised to send. John said "No, I am not the Savior. But the Savior is coming. He is greater than me." John helped people to get ready to welcome Jesus.

One day Jesus came to the Jordan River. Jesus asked John to baptize him. From that day on, John told everyone to follow Jesus and to believe in him.

Jesus called John the Baptist a "shining lamp" because he was like a light that showed people the way to Jesus (John 5:35). We can be like Saint John the Baptist. We can be kind. We can share. We can be more loving. Our actions will show others how Jesus' friends live.