

Repent you: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.¹

What are we to do?

If you have two robes to wear, give one to someone who doesn't have one. If you have more food than you need, share food with a hungry person.

If you are a soldier, don't falsely accuse anyone. And you who are tax collectors, do not demand more taxes than are owed.²



¹ Matthew 3:2 AKJV

² Luke 3:10-14, paraphrased

Faith-filled Models from
the New Testament:

**John
the Baptist**

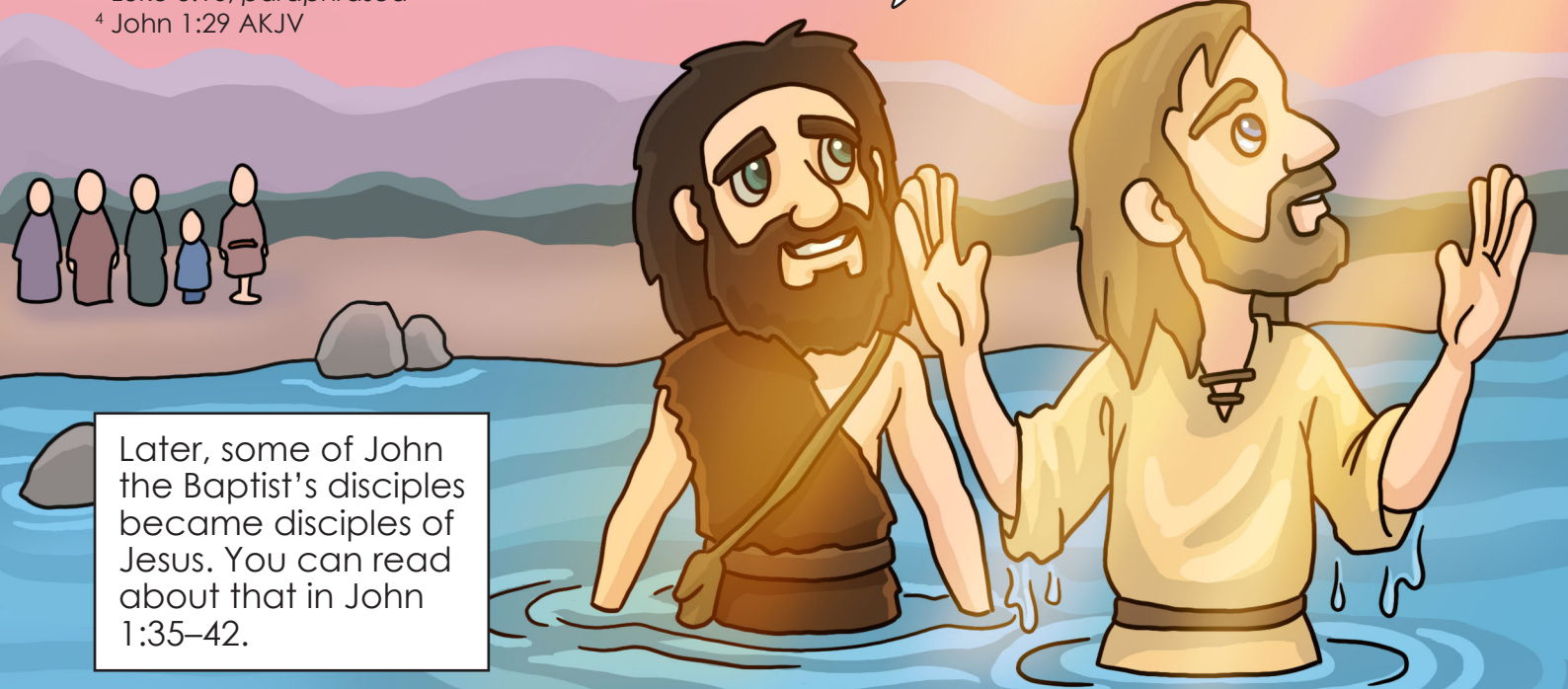
An Old Testament prophecy about the coming Messiah also told of a prophet who would come first. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me" (Malachi 3:1 AKJV).

John the Baptist was that prophet, a messenger who traveled around the Jordan River area, telling the people of Israel to turn to God, preparing them for the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah.



Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. ⁴

³ Luke 3:16, paraphrased
⁴ John 1:29 AKJV



Read about John the Baptist's miraculous birth in "Let's Learn the New Testament: When Jesus Was Born," and "A Man Named Jesus, Chapter 1: Two Miraculous Babies."

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