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When you see bugs, remember how John the Baptist used to eat grasshoppers ... covered with honey!



Hear It

When you hear running water, think about baptism and John the Baptist.



Talk About It

1. If you were going to eat bugs, which ones would you eat?
2. What is your favorite memory about being in or near water at a river, lake, ocean, or pond?
3. How do your parents or teachers get your attention when they have something very important to tell you? What are some important things that they say?
4. Take turns sharing something you love about your family. Then take turns sharing something that you would like to change for the better in your family.



Live It

For families to do together: Make something with sugar or another kind of sweetener in it as a sweet treat to enjoy. What would it be like if honey was the only sweetener you had? That's all John the Baptist had to sweeten up those grasshoppers!

For preschool kids: Think of something important you have learned about Jesus at POP Pre-K this year. Share it ... loudly ... with a friend or family member.



Pray It

Thank you, God, for John the Baptist. Help us to hear his message and change the things in our lives that need changing so we can be as prepared as possible to follow Jesus. AMEN.



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