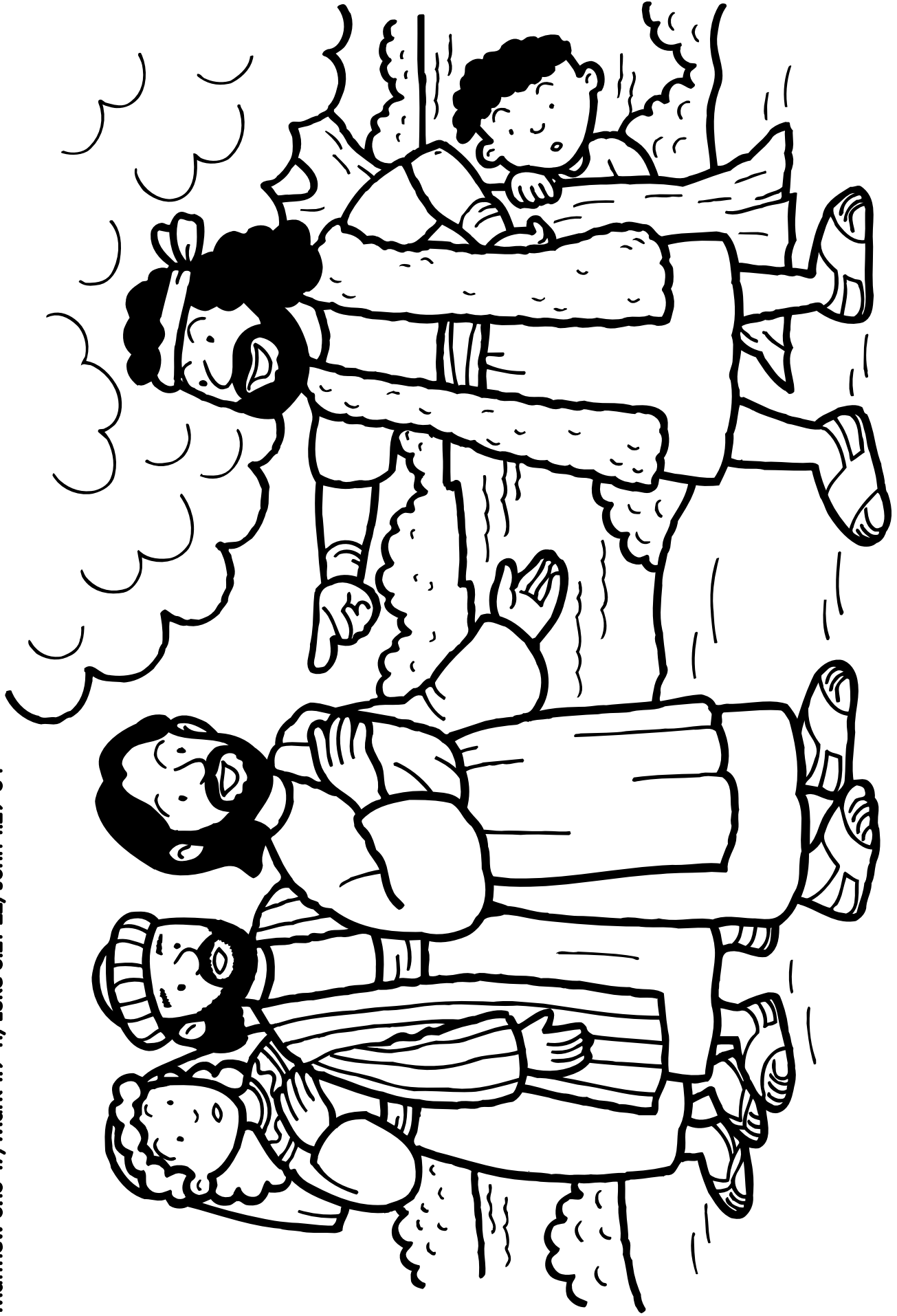


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John the Baptist lived in the desert. He told people what they should do to obey God. Many people came to hear John talk. John told everyone to get ready. God was about to send His Son. God's Son would show everyone how God wanted them to live.

One day Jesus walked to the river where John was teaching. Jesus told John, "I want you to baptize Me." John was surprised. He didn't think he should baptize Jesus. He wanted Jesus to baptize him! But Jesus told him it was God's plan for John to baptize Jesus.

John and Jesus walked down to the river. As Jesus

was baptized, something surprising happened! God's Spirit, looking like a dove, came down from heaven to Jesus. And then God spoke from heaven! "This is My Son, whom I love! I am pleased with Him!" God said.

The next day, John saw Jesus walking toward him again. John pointed to Jesus. "Look! There He is!" John said to the people with him. "Here is the One I told you about! He will take away the sin of the world!" John wanted everyone to know that Jesus was the Savior God had promised to send.