

John 1:19-28

John the Baptist

“Time to Get Ready”



Are you ready?

Are you ready for a story?

Are you ready for surprises?

Are you ready for something new?

Are you ready?

Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah
get a strange message from God
“Time to get ready!
Ready for something new.
Ready for surprises!
You are going to have a baby!”





**Mary and her fiancé Joseph
get a strange message
from God**

**“Time to get ready!
Ready for something new.
Ready for surprises!
You are going to have a
baby!”**



**When Elizabeth said
“I’m having a baby!”**

**Her friends were
shocked and surprised.**

**“You’re too old!”
they said.**



**When Mary said
“I’m having a Baby!”**

**Her friends were
shocked and surprised.**

**“You’re too young!
(and not yet married)”
they said.**

But Elizabeth said

“It’s ok.

**This is something
from God.**

**It will be scary and
wonderful and difficult
and amazing for us all.
So let’s get ready for God.”**






**And Mary said
“It’s ok.
This is something
from God.
It will be scary
and wonderful and
difficult and amazing
for us all.
So let’s get ready for God.”**




**Elizabeth
has baby John
and he is...
unusual**

He grows up
and lives in the desert.
He wears camel hair clothes
and eats locusts and honey.





And he calls out
“Time to get ready.
Ready for surprises,
ready for something new.
Time to get ready for God!”

A scene featuring a large, hairy, brown man with a black beard and hair on the left, gesturing towards a group of small, colorful, clay-like figures on the right. The figures are in various colors (orange, red, purple) and are scattered on a white surface with some rocks and yellow seeds. The background is a textured, light-colored wall with colorful speckles.

People come to hear what he says.
“How shall we get ready?” they ask.
“Make the crooked straight and the
rough places smooth.”

(Get fair, don't be bullies, give others a shot, share stuff around.)



**Mary has baby Jesus
and he is...
an ordinary kid.**



He grows up and lives in the village, he wears regular clothes and eats the food that everyone likes.

**But soon comes the time when Jesus gets ready.
He hears John calling out
“Time to get ready. Ready for surprises.
Ready for something new. Time to get ready for God!”**





**Jesus says "I'm ready."
Are we ready?**