Bible Journeys Take-Home Flyer
1st Congregational Church
JOHN THE BAPTIST ROTATION

Bible Text: Matthew 3:1-17 and Mark 1:1-11
Children will learn God called John into existence for a special purpose, to turn people toward God and to prepare them for the coming of the Lord.
John recognized Jesus as part of God's special plan for His people even while he was in the womb.
John lived a simple life in the wilderness to prepare himself for the ministry that God had chosen him for.
John's mission for God was to prepare people for the coming of Jesus by urging them to repent, be forgiven for their sins, and to lives worthy of God's salvation.
God used John to announce the beginning of Jesus' ministry with the baptism of our Lord.

What we will learn:

- At the end of the rotation the students will:
- Understand that John the Baptist came before Jesus to announce Jesus' coming
- The meaning of baptism as a symbol of God's covenant with us
- The significance of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist
- God has created each of them for a purpose and that even though they may not know or understand that purpose for many years, they should live their lives in preparation for God's call.

Bible Journeys Workshops:

Thou Art **Room 8**
All grades will make a soap on a rope dove to remind them of how baptism symbolizes that our sins are washed away. Workshop leader for this workshop will need to prepare soap clay in advance of each week's lesson. Recipe is in the lesson plan.

Red Sea Productions **Room 9**
Children will visit stations of preparation for the birth of the Messiah as a part of a play, "Wilderness Experience." They will act out the preparation play.

Desert Tales **Room 10**
Children will watch the video John the Baptist from the New Testament Animated Bible Series. Discussion will follow the video. Popcorn will be served using our new popcorn maker. Workshop leader and shepherd will need to make the popcorn and clean up after.

Gospel Games **Room 11**
Children will begin an object identification game to introduce the concept of prophecy. Children will play the game Wheel of Fortune in teams solving the puzzle for points