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Supplies: vivacious volunteer to play John the Baptist, gummy worms, tangled wig, ripped and tattered clothes, beard, Honey Comb cereal, Jesus Freak CD by DC Talk, portable boom box

John the Baptist: *Begin playing CD and yelling down the hall.* Repent, repent! Turn back to God. The kingdom of heaven is coming! Get things ready for the Lord! Make room for Him.

(Barge in the door) Hey dudes, sup? Wow, awesome group here man, listen up! Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! You need to get ready. Confess your sins. Get baptized. Man, get straight with God! All this preachin' is makin' me hungry! These worms are great. I think I'll pop a few honeycombs in also. Yeah, that's better.

Teacher: Excuse me, who are you? We are trying to have a class here.

John: I'm John the Baptist. What are you teachin' on?

Teacher: Water Baptism

John: You aren't going to believe this. God has sent me here no doubt! Man baptism's r' me! That's what I do!

Teacher: Really, hey can we ask you some questions?

John: Fire away. Check this out though. I'm kinda hidin' out, layin' low, ya know? Seen any dudes walkin' around in robes or anything?

Teacher: Robes? No, it's just us. Why?

John: I just called the religious guys a bunch of snakes and vipers! Those Pharisees thought just cause they were Jews that I could baptize them. No way man! I said look, you got to repent and confess your sins first. Then we'll talk about takin a bath, you know what I mean? They thought they were clean just cause they went to church and knew the law. I said you gotta get to know Jesus; He's bigger than me. I can't forgive sins, only Jesus can.

Teacher: They must be pretty upset. Tell me, have you seen Jesus?

John: Have I seen Him? I'll say. I got to baptize Him! I'll never be the same.

Teacher: Tell us what happened!

John: I was baptizing some other people. Then this guy walks up and says baptize me. I knew it was Jesus, you should have seen his eyes! I said, "No way, you need to baptize me!" I'm not worthy to even tie your treads, ya know? I mean who am I?

Teacher: What did you do then, John?

John: What could I do? He said I had to do it. We have to do all God tells us to do. So, I did it.

Teacher: Wow, but why would Jesus have to be baptized, He had no sin?

John: You got that right, white as fresh snow. He didn't have to be, He just paved the way for us to bury our old self. Jesus never asks us to do what he didn't do. He gave us an example to follow.

Teacher: It must have been important if Jesus took the time to do it.

John: It is, but people got to understand that getting baptized doesn't save you. It is an important act of obedience that shows you are a new person in Christ. The old man gets drowned; the new man comes up clean. We bury all our old habits, sins and other garbage.

Teacher: That makes a lot of sense. Many people are confused and believe it actually saves you.

John: Yeah, that's bogus man. I look at it like this. You can take a bath but if you don't have any soap, all your gettin is wet! Get what I'm sayin'? (Laughs)

Teacher: I get it. You have to first believe in Jesus and have your sins forgiven. That's like the soap part. Then you get baptized in water representing what you did.

John: Yeah, that's it! The water is useless unless you come clean with Jesus first. That's what I was tryin' to tell those Pharisees. They were trying to get wet without lovin' on Jesus. Hey, I forgot the best part. Right after Jesus came up out of the water this dove appears, then a voice from heaven saying, "This is my own dear Son, I am pleased with Him."

Teacher: So if we repent, then get baptized, God will be pleased with us?

John: That's it man. Hey, I got work to do. Those dudes with the robes are probably lookin' for me. Anyone want a worm or some Honeycomb? *(Drop a few bugs and Honeycomb on the ground as you leave. Turn on the CD and begin yelling the opening line about repenting again.)*