The Voice
LESSON 1
Your Response to the Lesson

What was most interesting in the Bible story?
What activity was most enjoyable?
What new things did you learn?
Baptism—being immersed in water—is a symbol. What does baptism symbolize?
What does the word “dependence” mean?
What kind of dependence are we to have on Jesus?
“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” 
(Romans 6:4).
God’s love leads us to depend on Jesus and to be baptized.
How Was Your Week?

Good things?
Challenges?
Special events?
PRAYER AND PRAISE

Songs

“Lord, Be Glorified” (He Is Our Song, no. 148)
“Pass It On” (He Is Our Song, no. 130)
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (He Is Our Song, no. 146)
Maria de la Paz Rodriguez, 38

Praying for a Dog

Puerto Rico

www.adventistmission.org
Praise God for His provisions.
Pray over the prayer requests.
Thank God for answering the prayers according to His will, for He knows what is best for us.
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INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

The Meaning of Baptism

What kind of people in today’s world prepare the way for others?
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The Story

You may listen to a podcast recording of the story:
www.juniorpowerpoints.org
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EXPERIENCE THE STORY

Our Response to God

Read Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:26-38.
How is baptism today similar or different from baptism in John’s day?
Jesus Sets An Example

Read Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:26-38.

• What is similar about these two stories?
• What is different?
• What do the stories tell us about baptism?
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Friendship with Jesus

What can we do to let everyone know about our friendship with Jesus?
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Preparing the Way

Read Matthew 3:1-3

How can we “prepare the way for the Lord” and “make straight paths for Him”? 
Coming Up Next Week

“Guarding the Gates”

- John the Baptist—a temple for Christ.
- Study your Sabbath School lesson each day
- Complete the daily activities
- Memorize the Power Text
Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for setting an example for us. Please help us to dedicate our lives to You in baptism. Thank You for helping us depend on You in making good choices.
Amen.