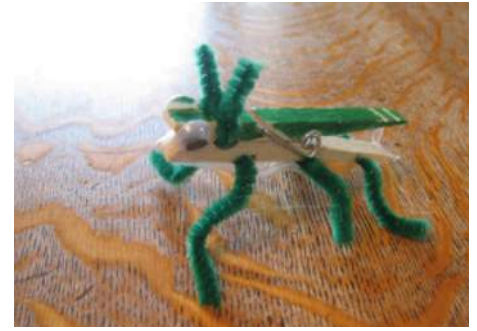


# John the Baptist Locust/Grasshopper Craft



Your students will enjoy making these clothespin locust/grasshoppers, just like John the Baptist was said to have eaten! Print copies of the scripture below (template to follow) & "clip" into the locust's "mouth."

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. (Matthew 3:1-6)

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Wooden Clothespins
- Green Pipe Cleaners
- Green colored markers
- Scotch tape
- Glue (if using googly eyes)
- Googly eyes (or black Sharpie Markers to draw eyes)
- Scripture Template (cut into squares)



## PREPARATION BEFORE ACTIVITY

- Cut Pipe Cleaners

## WHAT TO DO

1. Give each child a clothespin. Instruct them color it green using markers.
2. Give students pre-cut pipe cleaners for the legs and antennae, and if using googly eyes, allow them to choose two.
3. After they have finished coloring their clothespin, placed a piece of clear tape, sticky side up on the table, and have them press the leg sticks across the tape (picture #1 to right) . . .
4. . . . and then the clothespin on top of that, (picture #2 to right). You may snip and fold the tape around and onto the sides of the clothespins.
5. Show the children how to gently bend the legs to make feet, so the bugs will stand.
6. Next, slip the shorter antennae pieces through the hole in the clothespin and twist the ends together around the top to make the antennae, (picture #3 to right).
7. Glue (or draw with marker) the googly eyes on each side.
8. Give each student a copy of scripture to clip into their locust's mouth.

