(Whisper) The King is coming!

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John had a message

He wanted everyone to know

(Loudly) “The King is coming!”

“Get ready to meet him.”

What would you do to get ready for the king?

Wear your nicest, bestest, smartest clothes?

Get out your tastiest, yummiest, fanciest food?

That’s not what John was doing

John wore a camel hair coat

Itchy and smelly - eww

and ate locusts and honey

crunchy and sticky – mmm?

The king John knew about was clearly a different kind of king.

This king was God’s one true king.

John told people

“To get ready you have to say sorry

You need to say sorry to God for all the wrong things you have done

Like not listening to your mummy and daddy

Like hitting and hurting your brother or sister

Like taking the good things God gives you without ever saying ‘thank you’.”

When people told John they were sorry

and that they wanted to meet God’s one true king

John would give them a wash!

“This wash is a picture of being clean” said John

“It shows how the king will wash away

Every bad thing that we have ever done!”

“But it’s just a picture” John said

“When God’s one true king comes

He won’t wash your bodies with water so you look clean

He will wash your hearts with God’s Spirit

Take away all your bad things

So you can be clean forever.”