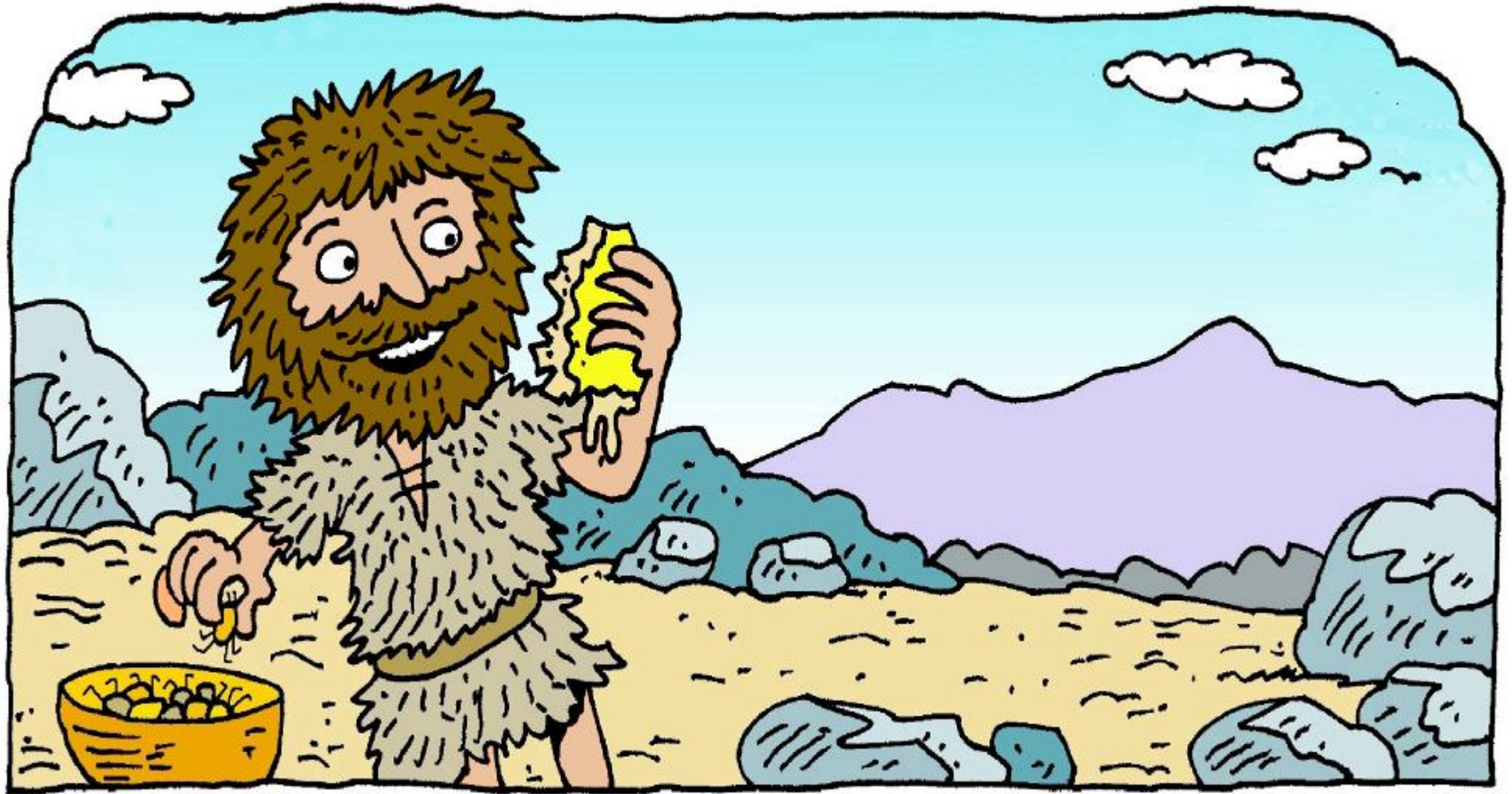


John The Baptist

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John the Baptist lived by himself, in a
lonely place, near the river Jordan.
His clothes were made from camel's hair
and he ate locusts and honey!



God had given John the Baptist a special job
telling everyone to get ready, because
God's Son was coming soon,
just as God had promised!



“Stop doing wrong things
and tell God you are sorry.
Start being good today,” John said.
Some people were sorry and wanted to change.



Those people went down to the river Jordan.
John baptized them in the water,
to show they were going to do what
was good and right from now on.



Jesus went to find John by the river.
He asked John to baptize him too.
It wasn't because Jesus had ever done anything wrong.
He was God's Son and he was always good.



John said, "Don't ask me to do this.
I am not good enough
even to do up your shoes."
"It is the right thing for me to do." Jesus said.



So John baptized Jesus in the river Jordan.
As Jesus came up out of the water,
God's voice could be heard saying,
"This is my Son. I love him so much. I am so happy with him."