

**HANGOUT**

1. Discuss:
  - This series is about starting over. Is there anything you've been part of that you wish you could have a fresh start in?
  - What are you most looking forward to this year? What are you most nervous about?
  - What's something you'd like the group to know about you?

**HEAR**

2. Look up and read Matthew 3:1-3.
3. Discuss:
  - What was John's message? What does it mean?
  - "Repent" means to change your way of thinking about something—and therefore your actions. What are some examples of things that Jesus has helped you "repent" of?
  - (If there are students in your group who are new to Christianity, help them by discussing this optional question) Who is the prophet Isaiah?
4. Read Matthew 3:4-6.
5. Discuss:
  - What stands out to you in these verses?
  - Why do you think John's clothing and diet were described?
6. Read Matthew 3:7-12.
7. Discuss:
  - That seems pretty harsh! Why do you think John said these things to the religious leaders?
  - Is there anything in this passage you don't understand fully?
8. Read Matthew 3:13-17.
9. Discuss:
  - What stands out to you the most in this passage?
  - Why do you think Jesus chose to be baptized?
10. Point out that in verses 16 and 17, we see a cool "picture" of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**HUDDLE**

11. Discuss:
  - If you've been baptized, take a moment to share about it. Was your baptism memorable? Who was there? What were the highlights?
  - If you haven't been baptized, have you considered it? Why or why not?
  - On a scale of 1 to 10, how serious are you about growing in your spiritual life this year?
  - What can our small group do to help you take a step forward?
12. Pray together.