

*Children's Address:*

*Matthew 11:3-4*

*When someone asks, "What's your name?" How do you respond? Of course, you can tell them who you are, but sometimes we have to prove it. How do we do that? Perhaps one way is to show your birth certificate with your name on it.*

*We've learned that God sent someone to help people get ready to welcome Jesus. Do you remember that man's name? Right. His name was John, and he came to prepare the way for Jesus. John told people to repent, to be sorry for their sins. John even told King Herod to repent, but Herod didn't like that at all. He wasn't sorry for his sins. In fact, he was so angry he put John in prison. And while John was in prison, he became sad or worried, so he sent two of his friends to ask Jesus a very important question: "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Matt. 11:3). Was Jesus the one? Was He really the promised Saviour? John wanted proof that Jesus was who He said He was.*

*Jesus didn't have a birth certificate! How would He prove He was the promised Saviour? John knew about the promises of God in the Old Testament. Prophets sent by God said that the promised Saviour would do miracles. The Saviour would heal blind people and make sick people well. And guess what! Jesus did those exact things that John's friends and everyone could see. He gave blind people sight. He made sick people well. People who couldn't walk were healed and got up and walked. Then Jesus told John's friends: "Go and tell John what you*

*hear and see" (Matt. 11:4). They should tell John about the miracles they saw Jesus do. John would know that those miracles proved that Jesus was the promised Saviour.*

*Jesus doesn't need a birth certificate to prove who He is. He is the Son of God. He is the Saviour who died on the cross to take away our sins. And on the first Easter morning came the greatest miracle of all. Jesus rose from the dead! His resurrection proves that He is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. There's no doubt about it!*

*Jesus, Your miracles proved that You are the Son of God and our Saviour. We love You and we believe in You. Amen.*