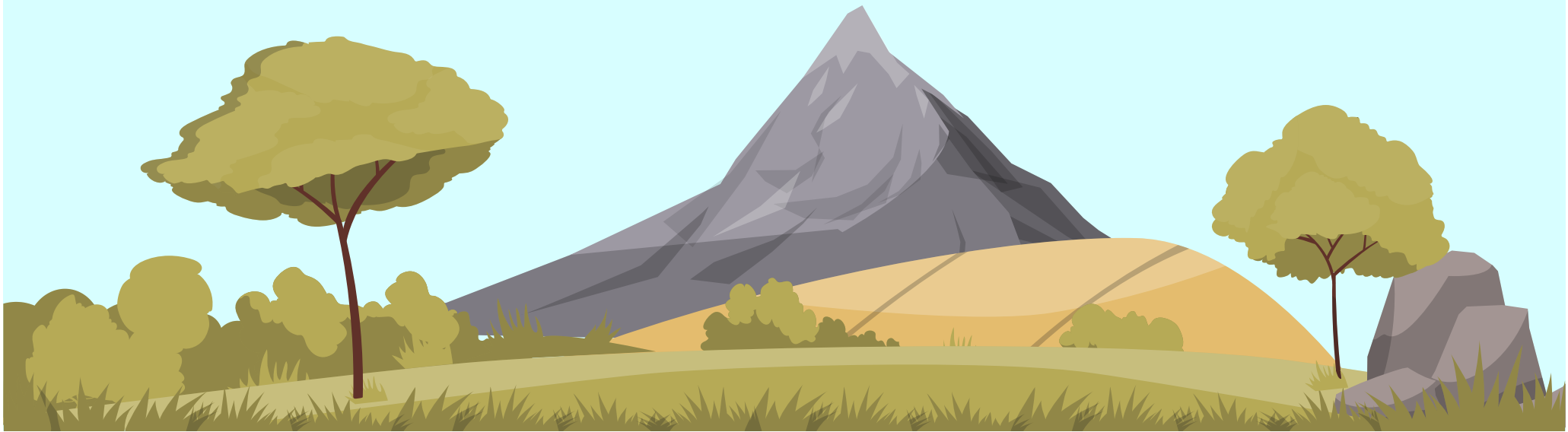


He Must Increase but I Must Decrease

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Our journey so far ...

01

Simeon & Peace

Luke 2

02

**Hope in the Judean Hills: Mary,
Elizabeth, Zechariah**

Luke 1

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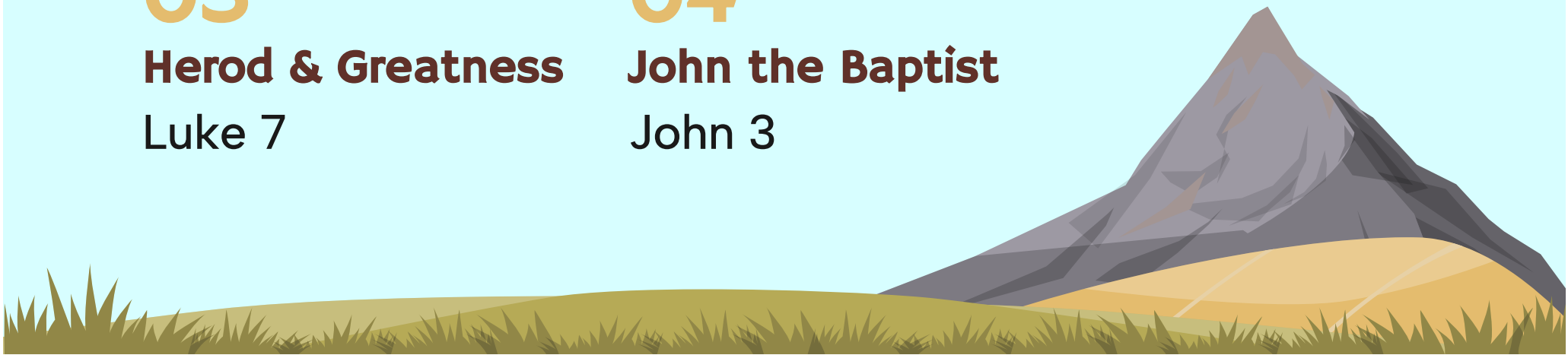
Herod & Greatness

Luke 7

04

John the Baptist

John 3



He must increase but I must decrease: Jn 3:22-26

After this, Jesus and his disciples came into Judean territory, and there he spent time with them and was baptizing. John was also baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming to him and being baptized.

Now a dispute came about between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew ... So they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, about whom you testified – see he is baptizing, and everyone is flocking to him!"

He must increase but I must decrease: Jn 3:27-30

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The friend of the bridegroom, who stands by and listens for him, rejoices greatly when he hears the bridegroom's voice. This then is my joy, and it is complete. He must become more important while I become less important."

He must increase but I must decrease: Jn 3:31-36

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3 'musts' of John 3

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Jordan River (at Bethany beyond the Jordan)



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02

The Superiority of Jesus

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03

Direction in Life

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