

ELEMENTARY LESSON

John the Baptist

Bible Story

Read Matthew 3, Mark 1

Watch the following video:

Superbook—John the Baptist

Big Idea

It is always best to follow God's ways!

Memory Verses

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

Luke 16:10

"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe."

Proverbs 29:25

Family Questions

- 1. What was the story about today?
- 2. Does it really matter if we cheat, steal or lie just a little bit? Read **Luke 16:10**
- 3. What would you do if someone gave you something that you wanted very much, but you knew it was stolen? Read I Corinthians 10:13
- 4. What happened when John baptized Jesus? Read Matthew 3:13-17
- 5. Why wasn't John afraid of Herod? Read Proverbs 29:25
- 6. What message did Jesus send John? Read Matthew 11:4-5

Wrap Up

John may have looked different and eaten strange foods, but God used him to be the one to get people ready for Jesus. We can follow God too, in the things we do, say and think. Even when others around us are making bad choices we can rely on God to give us strength to make the right choice.

Prayer

Dear Lord, when I am tempted by things in this world, give me Your power to say No to sin and Yes to your ways. Help me remember that nothing in this world is as important as following you no matter what the cost. Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross and rising from the grave to give me salvation, forgiveness for my sins, freedom from guilt, healing, and eternal life in heaven with you someday!

PRESCHOOL LESSON

Bible Story: Jesus Feeds 5000-Mark 6:30-44

Watch The Following Video together:

The Bible App for Kids—The Big Picnic

Your kids can also enjoy having the Bible story read to them by Shannon Roberts. Story

Memory Verse

"O Lord, you made the heavens and earth. Nothing is too hard for you." **Jeremiah 32:17**

Family Questions:

- 1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
- 2. What was the Preschool Big Idea? *Answer: We have a big, strong, powerful God to take care of us.*
- 3. What problem is too big for God? *Answer:* Nothing: Nothing is too big for God.
- 4. What did the picture passes mean?
 - Nothing—Nothing is too big for God
 - Lunchbox—When there is a problem, we can give what we can to help, like the little boy in the story.
 - Telescope—God made everything, which is why nothing is too hard for Him.

Explore God's Big Story

Jesus did something great with the very small amount of food the little boy gave Him. God showed the people that they could trust Him to provide for their needs, even when it seemed impossible. God also showed that He can do amazing things with even the smallest things we give Him.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for being faithful. Thank you for being a God who cares and provides for my needs. Help me remember this and trust you always. Amen.

