



Week 12: PreK

# JESUS THE STORY



## SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8, John 1:6-8,  
Matthew 3,  
Matthew 28:19-20



## LESSON AIM

God wants us to be  
messengers too.



## MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:20  
“Teach them to obey everything I  
have commanded you. And you  
can be sure that I am always with  
you, to the very end.”

## Relationship (15 minutes before + 15 minutes into the service)

As children enter the room, engage them in an activity. Learn their names. Talk to them about their week. Begin craft coloring page or simply play with them.

## Transition (15 minutes)

Clean Up: Encourage children to put away toys and clean up the classroom. Sit down together to start today's lesson.

**Ask:** Do you know what a baptism is? *When someone gets dunked in a pool of water.*

**Ask:** Do you know what it means to get baptized? *It is a way to tell others that we have decided to follow Jesus and do what God wants us to do.*

**Ask:** How do you feel when you have something really exciting to tell someone? Maybe it's a gift they will receive? Or maybe it is good news to share? *Accept all answers.*

**Say:** Today we're going to learn about a man named John who is baptizing people, and we are going to talk about the exciting news he had to share with the world.

## Experience (10 minutes)

### Telephone!

**What you need:** Nothing

**What you do:**

1. Have the kids sit in a large circle on the ground.
2. The teacher will whisper “God wants us to be messengers, too” to the child nearest to them.
3. Then the child will begin passing the message on by whispering into the ear of the next child and so on, going around the circle until the last child has received the message.
4. The last child should share what they heard and the teacher should share the original phrase. Play with different phrases until children get bored.

**Say:** God wants us to share the wonderful news of His son Jesus. Just like we shared phrases today, God wants us to share His story and be messengers for Him.

## Bible Lesson (5 minutes)

**Say:** Today we are talking about the child that Zechariah and Elizabeth had. They were the old couple with the guy who couldn't talk until his baby was born. Their child grew up to be a man of God named John. We are going to talk about some of the amazing news John had to share.

**Watch today's Bible Story: John The Baptist**

## Discussion (5 minutes)

**What You Need:** Print the two Q cards (front to back) and laminate to create a Question Card

### Side 1

**Ask:** Who was today's story about? **John being a messenger for God and baptizing Jesus**

**Ask:** What was the exciting news that John shared? **Jesus was the Son of God and can forgive us from our sins**

**Ask:** What would it feel like to see Jesus knowing who He really is? **Accept all answers.**

**Ask:** Why do you think God was pleased that John baptized Jesus? **It carried out God's holy plan.**

### Side 2

**Say:** Jesus commands all of us to tell others about Him and it's not our responsibility to get people to turn away from their sin and get baptized, that happens because of the work of the Holy Spirit. Our job is just to open up our mouths and say something.

**Pray:** Thank God for Jesus. Ask God to you tell others about Jesus.

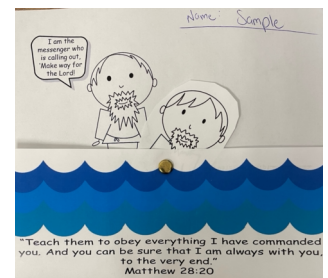
## Response (15 minutes)

### **John the Baptist Craft**

**What You Need:** Coloring page, John & Jesus cut-outs, brads, Glue, crayons or markers.

### **What You Do:**

1. Hand out coloring page 1 and write each child's name on the top.
2. Allow time for kids to color John and their cut out of Jesus.
3. Help children place the brad thru the "X" on the wave and Jesus.
4. Show children how John baptizes Jesus and dunks him into the water.
5. Ask children to retell today's story using their picture.
6. Remind children that **God wants us to be messengers for Him, too.**



## Extra Time?

Put Craft Pages aside and allow children more time to play until parent pick-up.



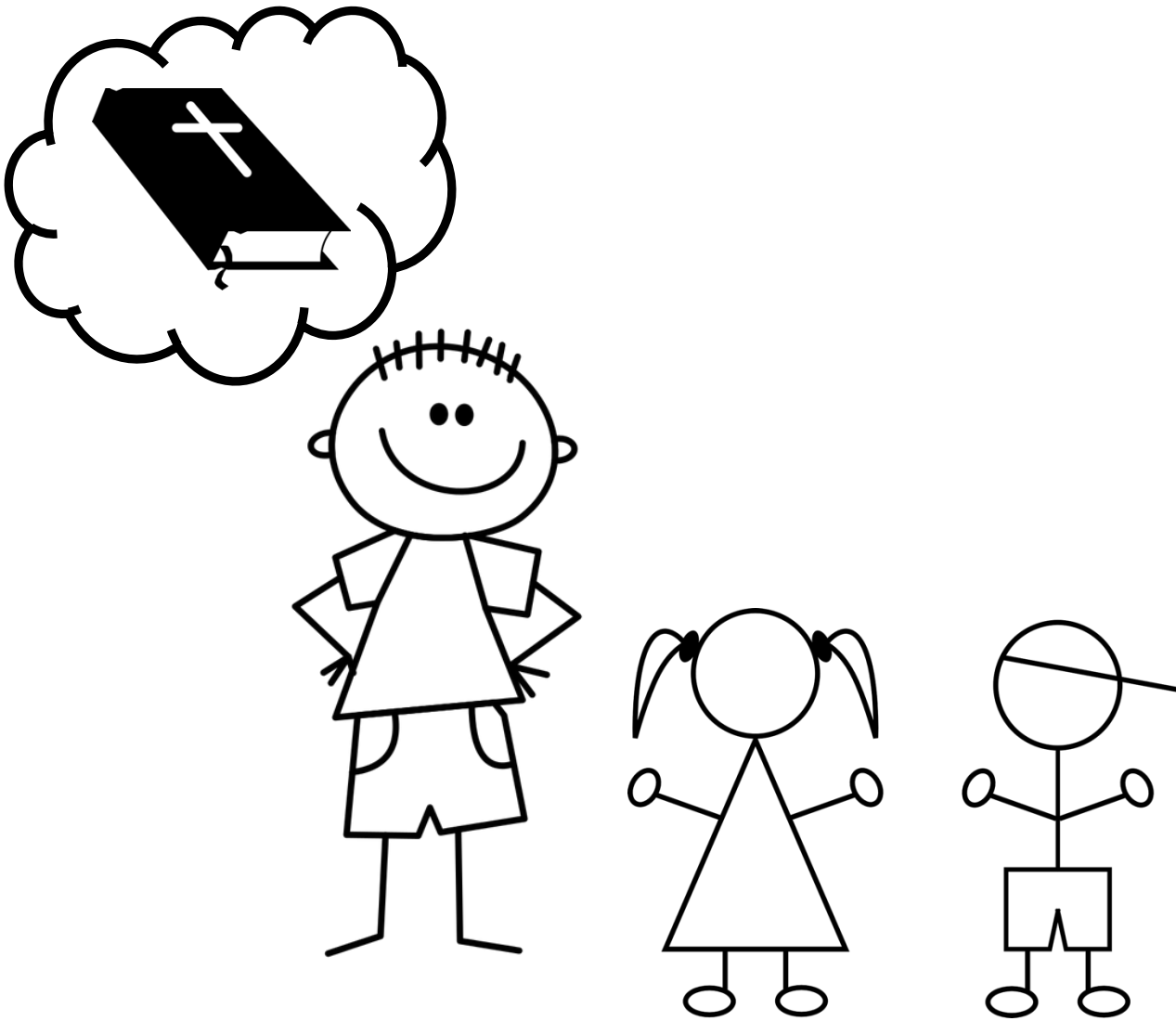


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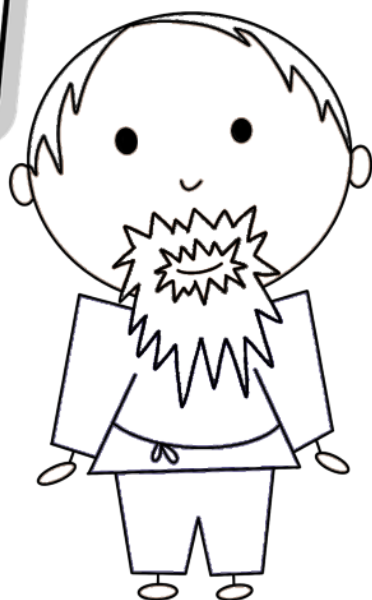
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**Jesus commands all of us to tell others about Him. It is not our responsibility to get people to turn away from their sin and get baptized, that happens because of the work of the Holy Spirit. Our job is just to open up our mouths and say something.**

**Pray.** Thank God for Jesus. Ask God to help you tell others about Jesus.

I am the  
messenger who  
is calling out,  
'Make way for  
the Lord!'





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