

APRIL 26, 2020  
JOHN POINTED TO JESUS

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Matthew 3; John 1 & 3

**STORY POINT:**  
Jesus obeyed God's plan.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 3:30

**CHRIST CONNECTION:**  
Jesus is greater than anything and anyone.

## BABIES

### BABY GOSPEL GEMS

Share these truths with your baby throughout the week!

- John was not the Messiah.
- John said Jesus is more important than him.
- Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

### BABY ACTIVITIES

#### SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes":

*Jesus always obeys God, obeys God. [Repeat.]  
Jesus came to rescue you and me.  
Jesus always obeys God, obeys God!"*

**SAY:** People thought John was the Messiah, but they were wrong. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus is greater than anything and anyone! **Jesus obeyed God's plan** to rescue us.

#### POINT TO JESUS

Sit with your baby on your lap. Open a hand-size Bible or Bible storybook, first looking for stories about John. Then show your baby how many stories in the Bible point to Jesus. Talk about the Bible story.

**SAY:** John was a man who had a special job, but John was not the Messiah. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. The Bible tells us Jesus is greater than anything and anyone. **Jesus obeyed God's plan.**

## TODDLERS

### BIBLE STORIES FOR TODDLERS

Share this story with your toddler throughout the week!

John was teaching people about God, and Jesus was teaching people about God too. Some of John's followers were confused. They said to John, "Teacher, the One you baptized in the Jordan is baptizing, and people are listening to Him!" John said, "I told you that I was not the special King, the Messiah. I am just the one to help people get ready for Him." John told his followers that Jesus is like a groom—a man who is getting married—and John is like his best friend. In a wedding, the bride and groom are the important people! John said, "I am happy that Jesus is teaching. He is more important than me!"

### TODDLER ACTIVITIES

#### INCREASE AND DECREASE

Encourage your toddler to crouch down as low to the ground as they can. Some may even form a small ball. Next, invite your toddler to slowly stand up and stretch as high as they can.

**SAY:** *Jesus obeyed God's plan.* John said Jesus is more important than him. Jesus is greater than anything and anyone.

#### PREPARE THE WAY

Roll a large sheet of paper or table runner on the floor. Cover the path with toys, scraps of paper, books, and other items. Invite your toddler to clear the path so they can walk on it without stepping on anything. Talk about how John's job was to get people ready for Jesus. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY:** John was not the Messiah. John said Jesus is more important than him. John wanted people to worship Jesus because Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus is greater than anything and anyone. **Jesus obeyed God's plan.**