



3PK

January 26-27, 2013

DATE

John the Baptist

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 3 and 11

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can follow Jesus

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Be sure to check for Allergy Alert stickers before passing out snacks. Also, give kids only 1 snack option and change it up each week. Really, they will be OK if they don't get to choose exactly what they want. This will cut down on the distribution time. You can use snack time as an opportunity to review the Bible story, too.

check-in/out

As kids check out, remind them to tell their parents about the game they played in Kids' Club. (And ideally, the game will still be going as parents arrive!)

large group heads up

Today we're learning about the special job God gave John the Baptist. John got to be a special part of God's story...but the great news is, we can too!



instructions

Goal: To review the story and practice following

Why? So kids understand what it means when we say “follow” Jesus!

Tip: Make the game of Follow the Leader fun so kids think of following Jesus as fun too!

QUESTIONS

REVIEW

1. Who was the man in our story? (John)
2. What did John eat? (bugs!)
3. What was John’s job? (helping people follow Jesus)
4. What special thing did John do for Jesus? (John baptized Jesus)
5. What are we telling EVERYBODY when we get baptized? (“I follow Jesus!”)

RELATE

6. Do you guys think you can follow Jesus? (yes)
7. Let’s see it: MOVE TO THE ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY

Put on the **brown robe** and announce that you are the leader. Begin marching around the room and ask the kids to follow you. Be creative and have fun! Some ideas to consider as you march are: spin around, hop, hold your nose, make a silly noise, clap, etc. Start simple.

Tell the kids that we’re now going to practice doing some things that would be following Jesus. Here are some ideas:

- Say “Share our toys!” and take **one toy**, and pass it from kid to kid
- Say “Tell God we love him,” and lead the kids in saying, “God, I love you!”
- Say “Tell your friends you love God!” and ask them to turn to a friend and say, “I love God.”
- Say “Pray to God!” and ask kids to fold their hands in prayer.
- Say, “Sing to God!” and ask kids to say (in sing-songy voice) “la la la la”!

**Continue—let kids lead too!*

QUESTIONS

A large empty white rectangular box for writing questions, framed by a dark blue border.

ACTIVITY

Animal Party

(OPTIONAL IF TIME PERMITS)

Make a circle. Choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it's done).

The leader names an animal and then everybody imitates that animal! Be as loud and crazy as you want. Do sounds, movements, or both!

To mix things up, limit animal choices per round. Ask kids to choose specific animals such as jungle animals, farm animals, birds, bugs, fish, etc.

special notes

We have another new song today—learn the words and motions ahead of time so that you can teach the kids!

**It's extra important because our lesson is about following...and they need to practice by following your motions at the end!*

presenter tips

Nervous? Try this! Give your voice a little more "bass" on the AV rack. You'll sound less nervous, and ease right into the presentation!

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun! (about 1 minute)

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? But then something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sadness and death came into the world. So God sent his own son Jesus to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world.

And Jesus came and lived on the earth to rescue us! He also showed us how to follow God. One thing Jesus did was spend TIME with God. Did anybody spend time with God this week? (Let kids respond with yes or no.) When you guys spent time with God, you were following Jesus because HE spent time with God too. Following Jesus is really important.

INTRO: JOHN THE BAPTIST

One man named John lived his WHOLE life to tell EVERYBODY to follow Jesus. His name was John the Baptist (put on **the robe**). John was a bit...unique. He wore clothes made of camel hair. And guess what he ate for his meals? (Hold up **container of fake bugs and honey jar**.) What are these? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he ate BUGS dipped in HONEY! Yuuuu-uuuck!

Well, even though John was strange, God had a VERY special job for him. John taught people to follow Jesus! Let's stand up practice what it means to follow. Following means you do what somebody else does. So everybody follow me! Ready? Touch your toes! (Model first; let kids



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respond.) Give a friend a high five! (Model first; let kids respond.) Spin around! (Model first; let kids respond.) Take a GIANT step back! (Model first; let kids respond.) Take two hops forward (Model first; let kids respond. Continue if you want. End with:) Sit on the ground! (Model first; let kids respond.)

Wow, you guys are good followers! We can follow Jesus when we see what he does. He helps people, so we help people. He loves God, so we love God. He obeyed his parents, so we obey our parents. Jesus loves it when we act like him!

JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

Now, we're going to watch a video about this guy named John. Since John followed Jesus, he got to do something really, really special for him. As you watch, see if you can figure out what John did for Jesus:

Video: God's Story / John the Baptist

So what did John get to do for Jesus? (Let kids respond.) That's right, he baptized Jesus! Baptism is what we do when we want to tell EVERYBODY, "I follow Jesus!" But guess what? We can all follow Jesus RIGHT NOW! All we have to do is act like Him.

One thing Jesus did was talk to God. So let's follow Jesus and talk to God by praying together!

Pray: Hi God! Help us to follow you! We love you! Aaaaaaaa-MEN!

We have another new song today—and then one of our very favorites. FOLLOW me so you know which hand motions to do! I know you guys are great followers!

Song: Come With Me

Song: Deep and Wide

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring page: Shoes
Brown robe (the grungier, the better--can even be a burlap sack with holes cut in it)

large group supplies

Bible
Fake bugs (grasshopper or cricket)
Fake jar of honey—or real but tightly sealed one
Brown robe (the grungier, the better--can even be a burlap sack with holes cut in it, or a strip of burlap with a hole for the head. Can cut swatches for

small/large groups with spools like this:
http://www.amazon.com/Wide-Yard-Long-Natural-Burlap/dp/B001BLLFA6/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1351543747&sr=8-3&keywords=Cheap+Burlap+Fabric

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 1 (Have Fun!)
2. Video: God's Story / John the Baptist
3. Song: Come With Me
4. Music Video: Deep and Wide

special room set-up

none

connect questions

What did John the Baptist do for Jesus?
How can you follow Jesus?

parent page

John the Baptist was a unique guy. But God had a special job for him: John taught people to follow Jesus. We talked about how we can follow Jesus too—and played “Follow the Leader” to practice. You can read about John’s story in Matthew 3 and Matthew 11 or watch a video about it on our website: crossroadskidsclub.net.