



3PK

November 23-24, 2013

Kingdom Come Journey Week 7: Celebrate!

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 3 and 11

John Baptized Followers of Jesus

WHERE TO FIND IT

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

When you're doing a craft/activity that kids will do individually, write their names on the back of the item as they come into the room. That will save you some time later and allow you to spend more time helping them with the activity. Plus it is easier to distinguish which craft is theirs at check out time.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to use their props to retell the story at home.

large group heads up

While parents are responding to their Journey experience through baptism, kids are responding through celebration.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, tell kids we're going to learn about a guy who got everybody ready for Jesus to bring the Kingdom of God. His name is John the Baptist.
 - Have kids repeat "John the Baptist."
 - Then have kids repeat (with motions) some of the things John said:
 - "Turn toward God!" (have them turn)
 - "The Kingdom of Heaven is near!" (have them hug themselves)
 - "Get ready for Jesus!" (have kids point upwards)
 - "Jesus is coming!" (have kids walk in place)

If the music hasn't started yet, go through the list again. Before you go in, remember we have to be (Shhhh!) quiet in Large Group. Then practice that together!



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) Understand that followers of Jesus got baptized and (2) retell the story of John the Baptist

Why? Kids' parents may have gotten baptized today. We'd love to give parents and kids a starting point for conversations about baptism.

Tip: If you know you'll have a large group, **glue** some (or all) of the **blue cellophane pouches** onto **paper** before the kids arrive.

small group

REVIEW

1. Who was the man in our story? (John)
2. What did John eat? (bugs!)
3. What was John's job? (getting people ready to follow Jesus/baptizing people who wanted to follow Jesus)
4. Which very special person did John baptize? (Jesus)
5. What are we telling EVERYBODY when we get baptized? ("I follow Jesus!")

RELATE

6. Do you guys think you can follow Jesus right now? (yes)

ACTIVITY

Act out the story.

- Give each kid a piece of **paper** (don't forget to put their name on it).
- Let them draw a sky on the top half (sun, moon, stars, clouds, birds, etc.)
- Give them a piece of **translucent blue paper** and help them glue the corners with a **gluestick** so it covers the bottom half of the paper. (Make sure to leave the top unglued so it creates a "pouch" for John and Jesus.)
- Give each kid a "**John**" and a "**Jesus**." Put both in the water "up to their knees" by putting them in the pouch. Then have John "baptize" Jesus by pushing him under water. Remind kids that getting baptized is like telling people that you follow Jesus!

***Pray together, and thank God that we can follow him.**

Extra time? Don't just play, keep kids engaged. Retell the story again...and then again! At this age, repetition helps kids learn. It may feel repetitive to you, but they love to do things over and over—and over—again!

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special notes

We want kids to know that they most certainly can follow Jesus right now, before they are baptized. But we are talking about baptism as one way to follow Jesus, because some of them have parents getting baptized today!

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 in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now, I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is where we can read about 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? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. A snake tricked the first two people, Adam and Eve, into thinking they didn't need to trust or obey God. So Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond) This was *really* sad.

But, even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God... God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. We've been talking about that KING and Rescuer. His name is....(Let kids say: Jesus!) Yes, Jesus!

INTRO: JOHN THE BAPTIST

We've been talking about how Jesus came and brought the Kingdom of God to US. One man named John lived his **WHOLE** life to tell **EVERYBODY** to follow Jesus.



script continued

Let's stand up and practice what it means to follow again. Following means you do what somebody else does. So everybody follow me! Ready? Touch your toes! (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! Remember, John got everybody ready to follow Jesus. And he did something really special for people who decided to follow Jesus. He baptized them!

Baptism is when somebody decides to follow Jesus. (Hold up the **doll**; pretend to make it say "I follow Jesus!". Then dip it into the **water**, dry it with the **towel**, and set it aside.) People who get baptized are saying, "I am a follower of Jesus!"

JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

Now, we're going to watch a video about this guy named John. As you watch, see if you can figure out the very important person that John baptized:

Video: God's Story / John the Baptist

Wow, so who did John get to baptize? (Let kids respond.) That's right, Jesus! But even BEFORE we are baptized, we can all follow Jesus ...RIGHT NOW! And one day, we might decide to get to baptized like Jesus did. But for today, let's follow him!

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

Pray: Hi God! Thank you for John the Baptist. Help us to follow you! We love you! Aaaa-MEN!

WORSHIP

Song: Great Day

Song: Trust in the Lord

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



connect time supplies

John the Baptist activity - no supplies needed

small group supplies

Coloring Page: Footprints

Glue sticks

Markers/crayons

Per kid:

1 sheet of paper

1 "John" (cut from template)

1 "Jesus" (cut from template)

1 10" by 5" rectangle of blue cellophane film

(http://www.papermart.com/colored-real-biodegradable-cellophane-film/id=11957?origin=product_ads&utm_source=google&utm_medium=adwords&utm_campaign=product_ads&gclid=CLb-IOiknrkCFYyd4AodDFQAKA)

large group supplies

1 Barbie/Ken doll (with some sort of bathing suit cover up)

1 small bin of water

1 towel

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders
2. Video: God's Story / John the Baptist
3. Song: Great Day
4. Song: Trust in the Lord

connect questions

Tell me about John the Baptist.

Why do people get baptized?

parent page

Since adults have the opportunity to be baptized, we're talking about what baptism is and how Jesus got baptized. You can read about it in Matthew 3 or watch a video about it by going to CrossroadsKidsClub.net and searching for "John the Baptist." Or search for "baptism" and click on the baptism packet for tips on how to talk to your kids about baptism.