



IDC KIDS

May 24, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

JOHN POINTED TO JESUS

JOHN 3

CHRIST CONNECTION:

John the Baptist told people to follow Jesus. When people follow and believe in Jesus, they receive eternal life and can point others to believe in Jesus too!

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

1 John 3:5

STORY POINT:

John told people to follow Jesus.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY

This is a picture from a wedding. Here is the groom and here is his best man. [Point to each.] The best man is there to help the groom have the best wedding day ever. The best man is so happy for the groom! In today's story, John the Baptist said that was how he felt. He was so happy that Jesus, the Messiah had come.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

TURN TO JOHN 3

STORY SCRIPT

Jesus and His friends, the disciples, left the city of Jerusalem. Jesus spent time with His friends in the countryside. People came to see them, and Jesus taught the people about God. Many people were baptized.

John the Baptist was nearby. He was baptizing people too. Some people followed John and learned from him. These people had something to tell John.

"Teacher," they said, "remember the man you talked about, the one who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River? He is baptizing people, and people are starting to follow him."

John's followers were talking about Jesus. John said, "I told you that I am not the Messiah. I am the messenger who goes before the Messiah to announce that He is coming."

It was good that people were being baptized and following Jesus. That's what they were supposed to do! Jesus is the Messiah God promised.

John told his followers to think about a wedding. When two people get married, the man who marries the bride is called the groom. His friend stands with him at the wedding, and the friend is happy to be there. This was how John felt—like a groom's friend—and Jesus was the groom. John was happy that Jesus, the Messiah, had come.

John said, "Jesus must become greater, and I must become less. John knew Jesus was more important because God sent Jesus from heaven"

John also said, "God the Father loves his Son, Jesus. He has given Jesus power over everything. Whoever believes in Jesus will live forever with God, but whoever does not believe in Jesus will not live forever."

Story Telling Tips

- **Create motions:** Choose several words from the story to create motions for kids to do as you say them. Consider words such as "snake" (move arm back and forth in a swerving motion), "baby" (pretend to rock a baby), and "world" (make a large circle with arms).
- **Create a night environment:** Tell the Bible story with the lights dimmed. Light the room with flashlights or battery-powered candles or tealights while you tell the story.

CHRIST CONNECTION

John the Baptist told people to follow Jesus. When people follow and believe in Jesus, they receive eternal life and can point others to believe in Jesus too!

READ 1 John 3:5

SING Take Away Sins our [memory verse song](#). Scan the qr code to find it.





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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL) Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
- c. Two different men were baptizing people in today's story. Who were they? *(Jesus and John)*
- d. Was John happy or upset that Jesus was baptizing people? *(John was happy that people were following Jesus and being baptized by Him.)*
- e. Why do people get baptized today? *(People get baptized today to show others they have turned away from their sin and are following Jesus.)*
- f. **Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.**

SAY	<i>John told people to follow Jesus. The first step in following Jesus is to believe that He died for our sins and rose again! If we trust in Jesus, we will receive life with God forever.</i>
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	<i>It's time to review our big picture question and answer: Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned. Jesus is the only person who has ever lived without sin. Jesus told Nicodemus that He would be lifted up like the snake on the cross. Jesus died on a cross for our sins even though He never sinned. Jesus saved people from the punishment of sin by dying in our place and rising again!</i>
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **1 John 3:5**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

SAY	<i>We revealed the words of our key passage when we removed the sticky notes. To reveal something means to show it clearly. God showed Jesus to the world by sending Him to earth. God's plan was for Jesus to take away sin by dying for us and rising again.</i>
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **Take Away Sins**



6. PRAY

SAY	<i>Jesus, thank You for dying for our sin even though You never sinned! We are thankful to read what You taught Nicodemus so that we could learn it too! Thank You for being our great Teacher and our Savior. Amen.</i>
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. SEND A MESSENGER

Form four lines of preschoolers. Stand across the room from these lines. Invite each team to send a "messenger" to walk to you and tell you, "Jesus is coming!" Then these messengers will walk back to their lines and tag the next person, who will repeat this action. The first team to have all the messengers come tell you that Jesus is coming wins

SAY	<i>John told his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus is the one that John had been talking about. John told others that Jesus is coming, and then Jesus came! John told people to follow Jesus. When people follow and believe in Jesus, they receive life with God forever and can point others to believe in Jesus too!</i>
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2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

Take Away Sins (1 John 3:5)

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