



UNIT 20 | SESSION 3 | APRIL 25-26, 2020

Elementary Parent Guide

John Pointed to Jesus

Bible Passage: Matthew 3; John 1; 3

Story Point: John the Baptist told people to follow Jesus.

Key Passage: “He must become greater; I must become less.” John 3:30

Christ Connection: Jesus was greater than John, and John joyfully stepped aside as Jesus began His earthly ministry.

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the discussion questions. Check out the [Younger Kids Activity Page](#) for K-1st or the [Older Kids Activity Page](#) for 2nd-5th as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

ACTIVITY OPTION 1: WHO IS AWESOME?

(No Supplies Needed)

Select someone to start the game by describing a positive trait of another person in the room or a reason why they are awesome. This word must start with the letter *A*. The person to their right will say another trait or reason, starting with the letter *B* this time. Play continues in this way until a trait has been named for every letter of the alphabet. Be prepared with some ideas of words for trickier letters, such as *Q - qualified* or *X - xenial (hospitable)*, and consider allowing some flexible rules, such as using words that start with *Ex-* instead of *X*.

SAY • In today’s story, we learned that John had the very important job of making sure everyone else knew just how awesome was. Jesus was and is the greatest of all! We love and praise Him because He alone is the perfect Savior who died so we can have a relationship with God. **John the Baptist told people to follow Jesus.** We can tell others to follow Jesus as well!

ACTIVITY OPTION 2: MISSION COMPLETE

(No Supplies Needed)

Form two teams. Show each participant the task list below. Signal teams to begin. Kids should work with their adult to complete the tasks. When a team finishes, its players should sit down and shout, “Mission complete!”

Tasks:

Count how many steps it takes to walk from one side of the room to the other.

Tell your family your favorite movie.
Sing the alphabet song.
Do 20 jumping jacks.
Recite the key passage, John 3:30.
Do 20 push-ups.
Tell your family your favorite thing that happened this week.
High-five two other people.

SAY • Finishing something you worked hard at feels great. **John the Baptist told people to follow Jesus.** Now that Jesus was there, John’s mission was complete. Jesus was greater than John, and John joyfully stepped aside as Jesus began His earthly ministry.

DISCUSSION

(Bible)

John’s job was to point people to Jesus. John the Baptist told people to get ready for Jesus, the promised Messiah.

- **Is it wrong to want to be famous? Why or why not?**
- **Why is God’s glory more important than our own glory?**

Distribute Bibles. Guide kids to open their Bibles to John 3. Choose a volunteer to read aloud John 3:35-36. Explain that we follow Jesus and no one else because Jesus is the One who brings salvation. When we trust in Him, we are saved from sin and death.

Choose another volunteer to read aloud John 3:35-36 again. Then lead the group to discuss the following questions.

1. **Why did John say Jesus must become greater and he (John) must become less?**

Prompt kids to recall that with Jesus on earth, John’s mission was complete. Jesus was the One whom people had been waiting for—the promised Messiah who would save people from their sins! Jesus was greater than John, and John joyfully stepped aside as Jesus began His earthly ministry. (Option: Read Luke 14:11.)

2. **Who deserves fame and glory in our own lives—us or God? Why?**

Help kids recognize that even when you work hard to accomplish something great, you can give God glory because He made you and gives you special talents and abilities. Prompt them to discuss ways they can make Jesus famous instead of trying to make a great name for themselves. (Option: Read Matt. 5:16.)

3. **How can we point others to Jesus?**

Invite kids to discuss how we can tell people directly about Jesus, and we can also show kindness and have peace in a way that shows we trust Jesus with our lives and our future. (Option: Read 1 Pet. 3:15.)

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Pray as a family and ask the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God?
What does this story teach me about myself?

Who can I tell about this story?

CONNECT

(Younger Kids Activity Page – K-1st, Older Kids Activity Page – 2nd-5th)

Download the Kids Activity Page and encourage your child to do it at home with you this week.

