

Jesus faces loss

BIBLE PASSAGE: Mark 6:14-29

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who did God send to help show King Herod that he was sinning? (John the Baptist)
- Who wanted to punish John the Baptist for being honest about the sin? (the queen)
- What happened to John the Baptist? (he was put in jail and then killed because he stood up for what was right)
- How can we learn about God's rules? (read the Bible)
- What did today's story teach you about Jesus and who He is?
- How does this story make you love God more?
- How can you show God how much you love Him?

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

***Recall the bible story**

Things you need: Printables: Coloring Page and Crayons

While your child is coloring, talk about no matter what our friends do, we should always do what's right. We should always follow God's laws, even when the people around us aren't.

***Activity: Don't Punish the Messenger – 10 Commandments Telephone**

Things you need: Nothing

- Sit in a circle and play a game of telephone using the 10 Commandments. Telephone is when one person starts a whisper chain with one phrase. The last person to hear the phrase shouts it out loud. Take turns going first.
- Put God first.
- Worship God only.
- Use God's name with respect.
- Remember God's Sabbath.
- Respect your parents.
- Do not hurt other people.
- Be faithful in marriage.
- Do not steal.
- Do not lie.
- Do not be envious of others

Say: Do you know what we were talking about in our game of telephone? It's the 10 Commandments. The 10 Commandments are rules that God gave Moses a long time ago. They were rules for the Hebrews to follow way back then, and they are still rules for us to follow today.

What do you call it when you break one of God's rules? We call it a sin. And is sinning a good thing, or a bad thing? Definitely a bad thing.

God doesn't want us to sin, but as people we are all sinners. That's why we need God's help! Only with God's help can we fight sin. We have to talk to Him constantly and stay close to Him. Jesus will take our sins from us if we allow Him to.

***John the Baptist Word Search**

Things you need: Print the word search puzzle and pencil, crayon or marker

Have your child find the words listed at the bottom on the Word Search puzzle. Help younger children find the letters and circle them. Talk about John the Baptist and his friendship with Jesus. John gave his life to follow Jesus.

***Activity – Bible Verse Challenge**

Things you need: a Bible per person

Have your child get their Bible out. When you say go, have the kids look up Mark 6:14-15. Have them stick one finger on the verse and raise their other hand once they find it. The first one to find the verse gets to read it out loud. If you only have one child, time them to see how quickly they can find the verse.

***Help younger kids find the verse by following these steps.*

Look in the Table of Contents for the book you are looking for. Make an effort to show them if it is found in the Old Testament or New Testament to help them in the future. Then open the Bible to the page number listed in the Table of Contents. Show them the large numbers in the text, known as the chapters. Flip through pages until you find the large chapter number you are looking for.

Then scan through the text with them pointing out the smaller verse numbers until the correct number is found.

After the scripture is read, say: Some people could not figure out how John the Baptist was able to do miraculous works but we all know that his power came from Jesus. God used John to teach so many people about Him.

***Pray**

Things you need: Nothing

Have your child pray as you finish. Encourage them to ask God to help your family follow His rules.



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JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4

John the Baptist Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

T U A T E S T I E J O R D A N
U N T E U M S A N D I A T S U
S H I E R W I L D E R N E S S
J O H N O L O R E L S E N D I
A N C O R E M A G N O A C C U
M E A N D I O N S E Q C I S E
N Y S B A P T I S M I D U I S
S H E S E N I A M E O N U S I
L A F E G I A T N S I N S Y T
I L A C O M M O D S R I V E R
R M D U N W N O N E E X Z O R
M E S S I A H U M N P E T A L
U T L O R T X F E G E X T I N
E X I P X E X E R E N T R X J
Q U T A T R X V E R T S I S G

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HONEY

JOHN

JORDAN

LOCUST

MESSENGER

MESSIAH

REPENT

RIVER

SINS

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