



Series Overview: People love camping, and for good reason! You can take in nature, practice special skills, or just take time to relax in a new environment. And when it comes to camping, it looks like John the Baptist may have done it as a way of life. In this series, kids will hear about John the Baptist's special role in preparing the way for Jesus and his ministry. John's story will help kids to say their camp motto, "I believe God gives me purpose. I believe God can speak to me. I believe God is powerful. I believe God's words are true."

Series Memory Verse: "We have come to believe and to know that you are the holy one of God." — John 6:69

Today's Lesson...

- **Bible:** John Prepares the Way (Mark 1:1–8)
- **Big Idea:** I believe God gives me purpose.

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- [What is the Purpose of My Life](#)
- [Talk to God | Mr. Music's Sing-Along Vol. 2 | LifeKids - YouTube](#)
- [Go Fish - My God - Great Music For Kids! - YouTube](#)
- [Pre K, The Bible is True, Day Camp 2024](#)

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

- [TeachingVideo1_CampBelievelt_Preschool_GrowKids on Vimeo](#)

3. Review the Bible story like this:

***Supplies = a Bible**

- Open the Bible to Mark 1 and show your family where today's story comes from.
- Ask the following questions to review the story...
 - Who was the man from our Bible story today? John the Baptist.
 - Can you name two things the Bible says he ate? Locusts and honey.
 - What were John's clothes made out of? Camel hair.
 - Who was John preparing the way for? Jesus.
 - God gave John the Baptist purpose. Does God give you purpose? Yes!

4. Practice the January Memory Verse like this:

***Supplies = a Bible**

- Look up John 6:69 in the Bible and read it to your family.
- Talk about how John knew and believed that Jesus was the Holy One of God and that we can know and believe that too.
- Help your family learn the verse and teach the motions to go along with it.

Preschool Verse

- Play a version of "We're Going On A Bear Hunt" with your family.
- Add more ideas, such as:
 - We have to eat a locust snack. (Everyone says, "crunch, crunch, crunch.")
 - We have to follow John. (Everyone skips around the room.)
 - We have to prepare the way. (Everyone swipes their hands in front of them horizontally like they are moving branches.)
 - We have to say our memory verse. (Everyone does the verse and motions with you).
- Start by telling the kids that you are going on a nature hike...say something like...I'll be your trail guide today! I will tell us what to do so we can walk on the trail, so listen to me and follow what I do!
 - We're going on a nature hike, we're going to explore the wilderness, but first we have to jump over a log! (Everyone jumps.) We're going on a nature hike, we're going to explore the wilderness, but first we have to jump over a log! (Everyone jumps.) And crawl under this tree branch! (Crawl on the floor for a moment.) We're going on a nature hike, we're going to explore the wilderness, but first we have to jump over a log! (Everyone jumps.) And crawl under this tree branch! (Crawl on the floor for a moment.) And hop on these river rocks! (Hop on one foot.) We're going on a nature hike, we're going to explore the wilderness, but first we have to jump over a log! (Everyone jumps.) And crawl under this tree branch! (Crawl on the floor for a moment.) And hop on these river rocks! (Hop on one foot.) And run away from this bear! (Run in place or scatter.)
- Wow, that was fun! Great job! And remember our friend John the Baptist from our Bible story today? He was like a trail guide, too. He helped clear the way and point people to Jesus. That was his purpose from God! But that's not all. God gives me purpose, and God gives you purpose, too!

5. PRAY WITH THE YOUR FAMILY!