

# PARENT CORNER

TODAY: JANUARY 3-4

## weekly

**Bible Story:** John the Baptist *Matthew 3:1–12; Luke 3:1–18*

**Big Idea:** Jesus is God's Son

**Focus:** Jesus is God's Son and He is greater than anyone

**Memory Verse:** "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to Him." *John 20:31 NIV*

### Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Matthew 3:1–12; Luke 3:1–18, Philippians 2:9; Colossians 1:19–20; Matthew 6:33; John 3:30

Before Jesus was born, an angel told Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth would have a son named John. John would prepare the people for the coming Messiah and fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah. John grew up in the wilderness, preached repentance and baptized people in the Jordan River. He rebuked religious leaders for relying on tradition instead of true repentance. When people wondered if he was the Messiah, John said the true Messiah was coming, one mightier than him, who would baptize with the Holy Spirit. The Messiah's name is Jesus. **Jesus is God's Son and greater than any person who has ever lived.**

### He Question: Who is Jesus?

Jesus is God's Son, the promised Messiah. Because Jesus is God, He is greater than any person who has ever lived or will ever live.

### We Question: How can we put Jesus first?

We can be humble and recognize His way and His plan matter the most.

### Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



Talk to your child about how they can point people to Jesus. It doesn't have to be anything big. It could be a nice gesture of baking cookies to give to your neighbor or writing a kind message to a friend. Maybe it's sharing with someone how God provided during a hard time. Anything we do or say points people to Jesus. Jesus is greater than anyone and we should want to point everyone we are around to Him.

January 3-4 | 2nd-4th

## WEEK 1



## DAY 1

**READ** "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to him." *John 20:31 NIV*

Happy New Year! It's the beginning of a new month which means learning a new verse! Let's work on memorizing this verse by putting some movement with the words. With the help of a parent, circle a few exercises from the list. Then, practice your verse a few times doing each exercise.

Arm circles

Squats

High knees

Swimmer Arms

Jumping jacks

Marching in place

How many times did you practice the verse with each motion? \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICE** this memory verse as a reminder that Jesus is God's son.

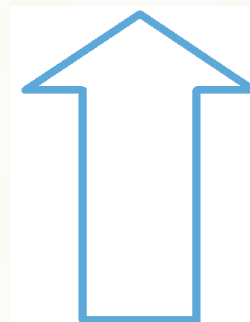
## DAY 2

**READ** *Matthew 3:33 & John 3:30 (NIV)*

These verses share how God should be first in all you do. Are you a great basketball player? Should you take all the credit? Are you an amazing artist? Should you take all the credit? Are you really good at dance? Should you take all the credit? No. God gave you all of those skills and talents and you should make sure to thank Him. In all you do, you should want to point people to Jesus.

People may say great things about you, but you can point them to Jesus instead of yourself. That shows humility which means you know no one is better or more important than Jesus! Color in the arrow to remind you to put Jesus first and point others to Jesus.

## JESUS



**KNOW** that Jesus is God's son and He is greater than anyone

# DAY 3

READ Luke 3:1-18 (NirV)

This week you learned about John the Baptist. He was sent to prepare the way for the Messiah, Jesus. Throughout his life, John was always pointing people to Jesus. Some people asked John if he was the Messiah. Each time he would share that the true Messiah was coming, one even greater than him. As you re-read this story, think about how you can be like John the Baptist pointing people to Jesus. Find some important words in the word search from the Bible story.

## WORD BANK

JORDAN  
ZECHARIAH  
MESSIAH  
PROPHECY  
JOHN



BE THANKFUL that Jesus is God's son and He is greater than anyone

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

## parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

# DAY 4

READ "So God lifted Him up to the highest place. He gave him the name that is above every name." Philippians 2:9 (NirV)

Jesus is God's Son and He is greater than anyone! Think about your favorite basketball player, your favorite singer, or even the President. You may think they are pretty important, but Jesus is greater. He is the Messiah which means God with us. He came to this earth to save us from our mistakes so we can spend forever with Him. Since Jesus is the greatest, you should want to let people know.

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for sending his Son to this world. Ask Him to help you point people to Jesus.

"Dear God, thank you for sending Your Son to this earth. Help me to point people to Jesus. I don't want people to be pointed to me. He truly is the greatest and I want everyone to know Him. I love you! In Jesus' name, Amen."

PRAY and thank God that Jesus is God's son and He is greater than anyone

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

January 10-11	Kindergarten
January 17-18	4th Grade
January 24-25	3rd Grade
Jan 31-Feb 1	2nd Grade
February 7-8	1st Grade

### Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Bring a friend ..... 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible ..... 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
- UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_