



REFORMERS – “LESS OF ME, MORE OF YOU”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: Less of Me, More of You

Bible Lesson: Luke 1+3, John 1+3, and Matthew 3 (John the Baptist)

Heart: John was chosen to prepare the way for Jesus. He was empowered in the womb, set apart on earth, and his heart’s cry was “He must increase, so I must decrease”

Memory Verse: “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight paths for Him.” – Matthew 3:3

GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

RULES

- Respect

DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Reformation



REVELATION

Reformation means to make the crooked way straight, to make the wrong things right in God's sight. Last week we discovered that Reformation Starts in Me. To be a Reformer you must first ask Holy Spirit to make the wrong things right in you. (You can talk about what crooked ways are in us, such as pride, disobedience, lying, etc.)

Today we will discover another reformer who was chosen to prepare the way for Jesus from the time he was in his mom's belly. He prepared the way for Jesus by teaching others to turn from their sins. His heart's cry was that Jesus would become more important, and he would become less important. John the Baptist was a Reformer.

Our revelation today is Less of Me, More of You

Let's pray, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don't make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.

BIBLE LESSON

TEACHER PROMPT | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

BIBLE LESSON INTRO | Our Bible lesson today is found in the Gospels: Luke 1+3, John 1+3, and Matthew 3

There was a priest named Zechariah and His wife Elizabeth who lived holy lives. Their lives of holiness prepared the way for the reformer, John the Baptist. John the Baptist would prepare the way for Jesus to come.

An angel of the Lord came to Zechariah one day while he was in the temple worshiping God. He said that Elizabeth would have a son, and he would name him John. John would be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb. 'John would prepare the way for the Lord and have the same spirit and power that Elijah had. He will bring peace between parents and their children. He will teach people who don't obey to be wise and do what is right.' John is the one Isaiah the prophet



had spoken about saying “A messenger is calling out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him.’”

As John grew, he was set apart, everything about him was different. He ate wild honey, ate grasshoppers, and he wore camels’ hair as clothes. John went all around the Jordan telling all to be baptized, turn away from their sin, and God would forgive them. He told the people to live in a way that showed others they turned from their sins.

Some wondered if he was the Messiah, the savior of the world that they were waiting for, he said ‘I am baptizing you with water, but the one who is greater than me is coming, and I am not even worthy to untie his sandals. This man will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Then Jesus came to the Jordan River where John was, to be baptized by him. But John tried to stop him saying ‘I am the one who needs to be baptized by you’. Jesus told him ‘This is the way it needs to be, it is God’s plan’. So, John agreed. Once Jesus was baptized, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came down on Him like a dove and a voice from heaven said “This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with Him.”

Later some of John’s disciples went to John saying ‘Teacher, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River is baptizing people. He is the one you told us about. Everyone is going to Him.’ But John, knowing that Jesus was the Messiah, the savior, said, ‘You know that I said, I am not the Messiah. I was sent ahead of him to get things ready... He must become more important. I must become less important.’

John was set apart to be reformer, to prepare the way for Jesus, and to make Jesus more important than himself. World Changer, you are a reformer, you have been called to make the crooked ways straight in the world. As a Reformer, you will prepare the way for Jesus to return. The ways of Jesus will become more, and your own ways will become less.

Our revelation today is, Less of Me, More of You.



TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like leading an altar call in repentance of when we have made ourselves more important than God. Our wants and desires more important than His. It can be a cry to the Lord of “Less of me, more of you.”

CLOSE WITH PRAYER OF REFORMATION

Lord, I ask for You to reform any crooked ways within me. I seek heaven’s blueprint and ask for Your heart and Your mind in all things. I pray, less of me, more of you! I want what You want. Show me what pleases You. Let Your will be done! If I perish, I perish, but I will make straight the way of the Lord. Lord, You are holy, make me holy! I pray for revival and reformation in my family, city, state, America and the nations! Amen.

SALVATION + DISCUSSION

TEACHER PROMPT | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

SAY | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc. have everyone repeat prayer together)

PRAYER | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let’s Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!



NOTE | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

ASK | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?

BENEDICTION PRAYER

“Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor.” – Exodus 33:13

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What was our memory verse?

(“Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him” Matthew 3:3)

2. What was our revelation?

(LESS OF ME MORE OF YOU)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(The life of John the Baptist and how he prepared the way for Jesus and his hearts cry was “less of me, more of you”)

4. What did the angel say to Elizabeth and Zechariah?

(Any of the following, that he would prepare the way for the Lord, he would be like Elijah, he would be filled with the Holy Spirit in his mom’s belly, he would bring peace between parents and children..)

5. What was John’s hearts cry?



(Jesus must increase, I must decrease. Or Jesus must become more important and I must become less important.)

6. What did John preach?

(To repent from sins and be baptized, to make people ready for the Lord.)

FEEDBACK

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