

John Was Born- June wk 2

Bible Passage:

Luke 1

Story Point:

John was born to prepare the way for Jesus.

Key Passage:

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Big Picture Question:

Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Activity 1- Charades

what you need: Charades cards (provided in packet) and scissors

what you do: Cut apart the charades cards and form 2 teams. Choose one player from each team to come to you, and discreetly show both of them a prepared word card. Both players may begin performing motions to help their teams guess the action. Instruct kids that they may not speak. Teams may call out their guesses. Award a point to the first team to guess correctly. Then choose two different players to perform the next action.

What you say: Why was Zechariah unable to speak in today's Bible story? (*He did not believe the angel's message from God.*) Zechariah believed God's word, and he praised God. **John was born to prepare the way for Jesus.** John would point people to Jesus, and they would praise God for keeping His promise to send the Savior. Acting out a message is one way we can communicate besides talking. We can also write words, draw pictures, or use sign language. Think of someone you can share today's story with this week and then make time to tell that person!

Activity 2- Tissue Paper Cross

What you need: 2 sheets of contact paper, cross template, and tissue paper square (provided in packet) and scissors

What you do: Follow directions in the craft bag to complete a tissue paper cross

What you say: The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his son, John, would do some very important things: He would help people turn back to God. John would go ahead of the Lord and get people ready for Him. John would lead people who were disobeying God to turn back to God and follow Him. **John was born to prepare the way for Jesus.**

Mealtime Discussion Questions

Distribute a Bible to each kid. Help kids find Luke 1. Ask a volunteer to explain which division of the New Testament the Book of Luke can be found in (*the Gospels*) and what that division contains (*the stories of Jesus' life and ministry*).

Where was Zechariah when Gabriel told him about John's birth? (*in the sanctuary of the Lord, Luke 1:8-10*)

Why was Zechariah unable to speak until John was born? (*He did not believe God at first, Luke 1:20*)

Where did John live when he grew up? (*in the wilderness, Luke 1:80*)

Can you think of times we doubt God, or struggle to understand how His plans work? *Guide kids to discuss how they feel about God in hard times. Remind kids that God is always faithful. No matter how we feel or what situations we face, God's promises are sure and will come true in His perfect timing. Help them understand that we can read our Bibles and pray to help us learn to trust God more.*

What are some ways God can use you to point people to Jesus? *Encourage kids to think about their friends and family members who may not love Jesus. Discuss ways to show them God's love and share the gospel with them. Remind kids that even people who know and love Jesus need to be pointed to Jesus to help them remember how good He is.*

When is it easy to praise God? When is it hard to? *Discuss with the kids how difficult times can make it hard to trust God, but they can also push us toward the Lord as we learn to rely on Him for support. Remind the kids that the Bible teaches we should praise God in good times and difficult times.*