

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

Jesus's work in our lives is for His glory.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: We're good at tooting our own horns. The self-centered side of our human nature always seeks to make ourselves look good and bring glory to ourselves. But we are flawed, sinful people, and any glory we bring to ourselves is also flawed and fades quickly. There is One, however, who has a glory unlike ours. Jesus is truly glorious and the things He does on our behalf point to His glory.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Luke 3:1-22; John 1:29-34

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Open the Bible and point to the name Jesus. Say, "The Bible tells about Jesus." Help her find Jesus on other pages of the Bible.

John was born for a special job—telling others about Jesus. People would go to the desert to listen to John tell people to be sorry for their sins and be baptized. Then John baptized the people.

The people wondered if John was the Son of God who was promised. John said, "I am not the one God promised. Someone greater is coming."

John baptized many people. One day Jesus went to the river where John was. John knew that Jesus was God's Son. John baptized Jesus in the river. After Jesus was baptized, God's Spirit appeared like a dove, and God's voice said, "This is My Son. I am very pleased with Him."

John did what God planned for him to do. He taught people about Jesus.

KIDS

Scripture: Luke 3:1-22; John 1:29-34

Live It Out: Read about John the Baptist in all the gospels—Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, and John 1. Read how John told the people God's plan for Jesus to be the Messiah.

John the Baptist began to preach in the area around the Jordan River. He told people to repent of their sins. He explained how to repent. John baptized the people in the river.

John preached to them saying, "I baptize people with water, but another will come and baptize people with the Holy Spirit. I am not even worthy of untying His sandals!"

When all the people were baptized, John baptized Jesus in the river. The sky opened up! God's Holy Spirit came down looking like a dove and landed on Jesus! A voice came from heaven saying: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, "Look! This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John the Baptist knew this was God's Son because God told him to watch for God's Spirit coming down and landing on Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 2:1-11

- When are you tempted to have unhealthy expectations of Jesus?
- How does your life show that you are a servant of Jesus?
- Why is it so important for us to believe the truth about Jesus?

Live It Out: Jesus performed signs, or miracles, for a very specific purpose. He continually encountered people who struggled to believe, and signs helped them to see the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. Those with eyes to see got a glimpse of the glory of God in the person of Jesus through the signs He performed.

Jesus changed the water into wine to meet a real need. As Christ's body on earth, we are called now to meet others' needs in the name of Jesus. Reach out to someone in your church with a real need this week, and work together as a family to meet that need.