

Troy Kids

# Family Worship Guide

July 27th

## Memory Verse

Psalms 119:9-10

*[9] How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. [10] With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!*



## The Pointer and the Point

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness wearing camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey as he preached a clear message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Thousands came, confessed their sins, and were baptized by him in the Jordan River as a symbol of a fresh start. But John had a deeper purpose—he was not the point of the story; instead, he was the pointer to Jesus. He quoted Isaiah and declared his mission was to "prepare the way of the Lord," always reminding people that Jesus was greater and to follow Him.

The Gospel Connection is woven through this story: John's water baptism symbolized repentance and cleansing, but he pointed forward to something greater—Jesus, who baptizes not with water but by giving the Holy Spirit. Only Jesus could bring true life to our dead, sinful souls by dying on the cross—and through faith in Him, God pours out His Spirit and makes us alive. That rescue mission is central to the Gospel and to the purpose of John's pointing work.

## TROY KIDS RECAP

In Troy Kids this week, your students learned from John the Baptist. The Big Truth from this week is this - **"John the Baptist pointed to the point of the Biggest Story—Jesus.."**

Ask these questions below to help your students remember and reflect on the lesson:

1. **Question:** Who were some of the Old Testament prophets? What funny clothes did Elijah wear? Who did Malachi say would come before the Lord came to earth? How did John the Baptist's clothes show he was that special prophet? **Takeaway: John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy that a prophet like Elijah would come to prepare the way of the Lord.**

2. **Question:** What was the message that John preached? What did John tell people to do to show that they had repented? How did baptizing people prepare the way for Jesus? **Takeaway: John baptized as a sign people had confessed and repented of their sin.**

3. **Question:** Were a lot of people coming to hear John? Did that make John think he was really important? Who did he want people to see as really important? How did he tell them that? **Takeaway: John's main job was to point people to Jesus.**

4. **Question:** Why did John baptize people? What did he say when Jesus came to be baptized? Why did Jesus say he must be baptized? What did God say and do to show he was pleased by Jesus's baptism? **Takeaway: Jesus's baptism revealed God's plan to cleanse people of their sins through Jesus.**

## BIG TRUTH

John the Baptist  
pointed to the point  
of the Biggest Story—  
**Jesus.**



## LISTEN/WATCH THE STORY

You can find a podcast of this story on Apple Podcast, Spotify, or Youtube.

Title: The Pointer and the Point – Story 55



SPOTIFY



APPLE

- There are also animated videos of the story available on youtube.

## READ THE STORY

Scripture: Matthew 3

Story Bible: Story 55

The Biggest Story Bible Storybook is available on Amazon. This storybook will match the curriculum. Other storybook/beginner Bible's will likely be compatible as well.

## PRAY IT

Ask God to help us turn from our sin and follow Him.

Thank God for people like John the Baptist who point us to Jesus.

Pray that God would help us point others to Jesus, not to ourselves.

## AT HOME

- Family Worship
  - This week, aim to Read, Pray, and Sing at least twice.
    - Pick two days.
  - Read from a story book Bible or use this plan to recap this story.
  - Pray through what you have read.
  - Sing – try simple hymns like “There is a Fountain Filled With Blood” or “Holy, Holy, Holy”. For younger kids start with “Jesus Loves Me” or “Doxology”

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