

July 30



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MY ADVENTURES WITH JESUS

I Can Prepare for My Adventure with Jesus 1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: John the Baptist - Luke 1:5-7, 39-44, 80

Bottom Line: I can prepare for my adventure with Jesus.

Leader Context: John the Baptist knew Jesus was special before he was even born, and he dedicated his life to preparing others for their adventure with Jesus. He baptized them and told them about Jesus, and his story reminds us there are lots of ways we can prepare for our adventure with Jesus.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (5 minutes)

Transition to Teaching Video - Say This!

Did you notice that word prepare? What makes you prepared? *Planning or a plan can help. We all prepare for lots of things like getting ready for the day, a test, and we prepare for our adventure with Jesus!*

How amazing would that be if one of your cousins would save the world one day?

In our video today John shared with other people how important and special Jesus was. He told them that Jesus was coming, and Jesus was the one they had been waiting for. John even baptized others to help prepared them for their own adventure with Jesus. The first things you can do to prepare for your adventure with Jesus is believing he is real and choosing to be in his family by believing in Jesus. All you have to do is believe that Jesus is the Son of God who lived a perfect life and died on a cross so that we can be right with God, he rose three days later to prove He is God and victorious over death. When you believe this we mark it with a prayer.

Teaching Video (10 minutes)

July 30 1-4s Small Group

Videos

Getting Ready Map (20 minutes)

What You Need: Map printable (1 per kid), Stickers (1 set per kid), crayons, markers, string or ribbon cut to 12 inches (1 per kid)

What You Do:

- Pass out the map and stickers.
- Allow kids to match the stickers to the stops on the map.
- Allow time for kids to color and discuss the different things on the map.
- Remind them of the things on their map that they can do to get ready for their adventure with Jesus, like praying, reading the Bible stories, etc.
- When they are done coloring, help them roll up their map and tie it with a string or ribbon.

Say "Today we saw a few videos and talked about getting ready for your adventure with Jesus. What are some things we can do to get ready? This map helps us remember some of the things. Point to the activity you are most excited to do to get ready for Jesus!"

Say:

Does anyone remember the name of the man we learned about today from the Bible? *John the Baptist. John was Jesus' cousin.*

What did John do when he was in his mom's belly and was close to Jesus? *He jumped! He knew Jesus was special even before he was born. When John grew up, he helped people get ready for their adventure with Jesus. He told them Jesus was coming soon and they needed to get ready for that special day. When you believe Jesus is real and choose to be in God's family, your adventure with Jesus starts.*

What are some other things we can do to get ready for this life-long adventure? *pray and talk to Jesus, go to church, read stories in our Bibles like the story of John the Baptist, talk about Jesus with everyone we know.*

"Joey learned there are a lot of things to do to get ready before he can be in the SKuppet Adventure club. That reminds me of the things we can do to get ready before we go on our adventure with Jesus. First and most important is to choose to follow Jesus and be in his family! If you have questions or want to know what that means, you can get ready by talking to your family or other grownups or friends who love Jesus. Another thing you can do to get ready for your adventure is to remember every day that Jesus is special and important, and he loves you so much.. Now let's pray together:

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me and wanting to go an amazing adventure with me. Help me get ready for our adventure by learning morea bout you and remembering you are always with me! Amen."

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.