



“John the Baptist”

SuperTruth: I can point others to Christ.

SuperVerse: “Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here.” (Matthew 3:2b)

Introduction:

Today we have a new Superbook video about John the Baptist. He was called “John the Baptist” or “John the Baptizer” because he baptized people—including Jesus! Now, let’s meet John in our new Superbook adventure—and also see what Chris, Joy and Gizmo are doing today!

Play Video on the Church App, Website, or YouTube: https://youtu.be/4uokhr_Q-6U

Play Video: Chris and Joy’s Dilemma (4:00 minutes)

- Pause video and ask the following question.

Follow up Question

1. What are some ways we can point people to Jesus?

Let’s watch the rest of our video to see how John the Baptist pointed others to Jesus.

Play Remainder of Video: Bible Story and Resolution

Do you believe that all people, no matter their ages, need to have more of Jesus in their lives?

How do you think it would feel to be John the Baptist and have Jesus come to you to be baptized?

God had given John the Baptist a very important mission—to call people to repent—which means to turn away from sin and to turn toward God. John was preparing the way for Jesus’ ministry in the world! The goal for every follower of Jesus is to become more like Him as we grow in God’s Word and do what Jesus did! John the Baptist humbly pointed his followers to Jesus. He did not want to get in the way of Jesus’ ministry. **John 3:30 says, “He must increase, but I must decrease.”** If we can understand this concept, it’ll help us to be able to point others to Jesus.

Bible Reading

So, how can we point to Jesus today? Let’s look at some different ways.

Read Romans 10:14

Some people have never heard about Jesus and how to have a relationship with God! We can point people to Jesus by telling them about Him. We can explain how He took the punishment for our

sins by dying on the cross. We can share what He has done for us personally—for example, how we have peace and joy and happiness because He lives in our hearts!

Read Philippians 2:14-15

Another way we can point to Jesus is by how we live—by our choices and actions. Whether we know it or not, people are watching to see how Christians act. They wonder, when trouble comes, do we get angry or jealous or afraid? Or do we respond with God’s love, joy and peace?

We shouldn’t pretend to have these qualities, because then we would just be acting—like an actor who acts one way on stage but behaves completely different in real life. When we ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit, He gives us the wonderful nature and characteristics of His Son Jesus. If we get angry, God gives us Jesus’ joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Do you think God’s supply of these things can ever run out?

Read 1 Peter 3:15

What does this tell us about how we can point others to Jesus?

We can show others that we want to give God our highest devotion and dedication. Jesus is worthy to be our Lord and Savior above everything else! If someone asks us why we go to church when we could be playing soccer or sleeping in, we should be ready to share why!

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