

# HEY, FAMILIES!

Here's what we're learning:

## Monthly Memory Verse

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:31)

This month's theme is:



### JOHN THE BAPTIST (Matthew 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-18)

Jan 4

**Brite Idea:** Jesus is greater than any person.

**He Question:** Who is Jesus?

*Jesus is God's Son, the promised Messiah. Because Jesus is God, He is greater than any person who has ever lived or will ever live.*

**We Question:** How can we put Jesus first?

*We can be humble and recognize His way and His plan matter the most.*

### JESUS' BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION (Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1-17; John 1:29-34)

Jan 11

**Brite Idea:** Jesus is God's Son.

**He Question:** How is Jesus different than other people?

*Jesus is the Son of God. He is holy, perfectly good and never sinned.*

**We Question:** How is Jesus like us?

*Because Jesus came to Earth as a man, He experienced the same things we do. We can trust that He understands us and what we go through.*

### THE DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS (John 1:35-51)

Jan 18

**Brite Idea:** Jesus invites us to follow Him.

**He Question:** Why is Jesus worthy of being followed?

*Jesus is the Son of God and the perfect example of how God wants us to live. He loves us more than anyone else can and showed that by paying the price for our sin.*

**We Question:** What does it mean to follow Jesus?

*We follow Jesus by trusting in Him as our Savior, seeking to know Him more and more and following His example in how we live our lives.*

### JESUS DEMONSTRATES HIS POWER (Mark 4:35-5:20)

Jan 25

**Brite Idea:** Jesus has power over everything.

**He Question:** How is Jesus so powerful?

*Jesus showed that He is God and has God's power. He is omnipotent, and His power has no limits!*

**We Question:** Is Jesus' power scary?

*Jesus is 100 percent good and loves us so much. We can respond with awe and wonder at His amazing power.*

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# FAMILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
REMEMBER & RESPOND	WONDER & DISCUSS	EXPLORE	REVIEW	PUT INTO PRACTICE	PREPARE AHEAD
<b>January 4</b> Jesus is greater than any person. What does this mean for me?	<b>READ TOGETHER:</b> John 3:30 What could our lives look like if we don't "increase Jesus" and "decrease ourselves"?	Use sticks, footprints, sidewalk chalk or found objects to write "Jesus is > All" outside.	<b>JOHN 20:31</b> How does being the "Son of God" make Jesus greater than any person?	Write the name of the person(s) you admire most on a sticky note. Talk about how this person(s) points you to Jesus.	Play "Rock, Paper, Scissors" as a family. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Matthew 3:13-17 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?
<b>January 11</b> Jesus is God's Son. What does this mean for me?	<b>READ TOGETHER:</b> 1 John 5:11-12 How can we have life through Jesus?	Make a list of things that tempt you. Brainstorm activities that can replace these things and bring you closer to Jesus.	<b>JOHN 20:31</b> Why was Jesus baptized if He was the sinless Son of God?	Play charades as you act out ways Jesus is different than all other people.	Bake cookies or make pancakes together in the shape of the cross. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> John 1:35-51 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?
<b>January 18</b> Jesus invites us to follow Him. What does this mean for me?	<b>READ TOGETHER:</b> John 8:12 How does Jesus bring light to the world?	Play "Follow the Leader."	<b>JOHN 20:31</b> How does following Jesus give us life?	Choose a service project to do together to point others to Jesus.	Create some invitations to your church to pass out to neighbors or friends. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Mark 4:35-5:20 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?
<b>January 25</b> Jesus has power over everything. What does this mean for me?	<b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Matthew 19:26 How does Jesus make all things possible?	Fill up the bathtub with water. Put plastic cups inside. Pretend they're boats in a scary storm.	<b>JOHN 20:31</b> How did performing miracles point people to believe Jesus was the Son of God?	Play "ABC Power." Take turns naming things that begin with each letter of the alphabet that Jesus has power over.	Try out some "illusions" together. <b>READ TOGETHER:</b> Matthew 12:1-14 <b>DISCUSS:</b> What does this teach us about God?

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