



# KIDTOWN GUIDE

*for 3K & 4K*

**DATE:** 4/5/20 - 4/11/20

**SCRIPTURE:** *Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1*

**LESSON:** *John Pointed to Jesus*

## INTRO

*Parents read this to your kids at the beginning.*

Wow! It's been another week of playing, working, and doing school here at home. Maybe this week was frustrating or maybe it was really fun. Either way, it is so good for us to come together as a family and worship God to start off a new week. Singing and reading scripture and learning about Jesus and His followers is a great way to fix our focus on God for this week.

## BIBLE VERSE

[Weekly Bible Verse Video](#)

*Read and memorize the Bible Verse together. "He must increase, I must decrease." John 3:30. Say the key passage multiple times using the hand motions to help kids remember the passage.*

- He [Point up towards heaven.]
- must increase [Move hands apart.]
- I [Point to yourself with both thumbs.]
- must decrease [Move hands together.]

SAY • John wanted everyone to glorify Jesus. That's why John the Baptist told people to follow Jesus. In our own lives, we can increase Jesus' glory by loving Him, obeying Him, and loving others.

## SING

*Kids love singing and it's a great way to start to direct their energy in a Godward direction before the lesson. To make it easy, you can have the kids sing along to the lyric videos linked below.*

- [He Must Increase](#) (Current Key Passage Song)
- [Jesus Strong and Kind](#)



## LESSON

*One of the most important ways we get to disciple kids is by helping teach the truth of God's Word and how it points towards Jesus.*

### Tell the Bible Story

*Open your Bible to Matthew 3, you can even point out that this story is also found in Mark 1, Luke 3, and John 1. Show the Bible story video [John Pointed to Jesus](#)*

Let's do a little review from the story we just watched about John the Baptist!

#### **Today's Story Point! (Kids repeat, "Today's Story Point!")**

John's followers saw that some people were following Jesus instead of following John. John reminded his followers that he was a messenger who was sent to tell the people that the Messiah was coming. John knew that Jesus is God's Son and the Messiah. Now Jesus was here, and John's job was finished. Jesus was greater than John. John told people to follow Jesus.

#### **Christ Connection! (Kids repeat, "Christ Connection!") Jesus is the promised Messiah (kids repeat)**

John the Baptist told people to get ready for Jesus, the promised Messiah. Now that Jesus was on earth, John's mission was complete. Jesus was greater than John, and John joyfully stepped aside as Jesus began His earthly ministry.

## SNACK & DISCUSSION

*In Kidtown we use snacks as a simple reward/incentive for focus during discussion time. Feel free to grab a snack and begin the discussion questions. The goal of this time is to discuss and apply what we learned from the Bible.*

What was your favorite part of the story?

Who were the two men teaching and baptizing?

*John the Baptist and Jesus*

What did John say his job was?

*To be the messenger who told people the Messiah was coming*

What did John want to happen?

- *John wanted Jesus to get the glory as Messiah*

*Parents, if you or your kids have questions about baptism, you can...*

- Watch [this video of our Kids' Baptism Class](#).
- Utilize [this chart](#) as a resource for thinking through your child's readiness for baptism.
- Email us at [hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com)



## LESSON ACTIVITY

*The Lesson Activities are designed to help reinforce what the kids learned in the lesson. You can choose one or more activities to do based on your child's interest and time available.*

### **Compare Objects**

Look around the room and choose two items of different sizes, weights, or lengths. For younger preschoolers, make sure the items are extremely different. Ask the children which is longer or taller or heavier. Be prepared to use body language to give clues. Think of objects the children would be familiar with (watermelon, loaf of bread, beach ball, basketball) and ask questions comparing them also.

**SAY** • Look at these two blocks. Which one is longer? Look at the chair and the table. Which one would be heavier? Think about a watermelon and a loaf of bread. Which one would be the heaviest? [Continue with several more examples.] John the Baptist told people to get ready for Jesus. John knew that Jesus was greater than John, and John was happy to step aside for Jesus to begin His work. John told people to follow Jesus.

## PRAYER TIME

*From an early age, we want to teach our kids that prayer is the fuel for our lives as Christians. We depend on God for everything and prayer helps us remember that. Especially in these uncertain times, prayer is one of our most important disciplines as God's people.*

### **Pray For Each Other:**

**Questions to Ask:** (Ask your children these questions, but also have them ask you!)

- What is one thing you need Jesus to help you with this week?

**Pray:** As the parent, you go first and encourage your children to pray for the person on their right.

### **Pray For Jesus' Mission:**

**Questions to Ask** (pick 1):

- What friends or neighbors of yours can we pray for today?
- How can you show God's love this week to someone who might not know Him?

**Pray:** Invite each kid to pray for their friends or someone else's friend to come to know Jesus. Have one adult close out the time, thanking God for how we get to be family together and asking God to bring more people into His family!