



Lesson 55: The Pointer and the Point (Matt 3)

Big Idea: John the Baptist pointed to the point of the Biggest Story — Jesus

From the story we learned about John the Baptist and Jesus's baptism

Please help your child to memorize the verse and the Scripture reference. Please review with them the place of the book of Matthew and the gospel in Scripture.

Scripture Memory Verse:

Mark 1:15 - Repent and believe in the gospel.

Discussion Questions:

1. 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? "John baptized as a sign people had confessed and repented of their sin."
2. 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? "John's main job was to point people to Jesus."
3. Why did John baptize people? What did he say when Jesus came to be baptized? Why did Jesus say he must be baptized? "Jesus's baptism revealed God's plan to cleanse sin."

Catechism Question:

Question 27: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

Answer 27: No. Only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith.