



What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all scripture is about Him.

Week 51, August 2, 2026

Bible Story Point: John was reminded that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

Key Passage: “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart..” (Jeremiah 29:12-13)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

John the Baptist in Prison (Matthew 11; Mark 6; Luke 3,7)

John the Baptist was a faithful messenger of the gospel. Though he was persecuted by a wicked leader, he was commended by Jesus for his faith. Scripture’s accounts of John’s imprisonment and beheading illustrate his devotion to Jesus, even as John suffered for advocating for the truth.

John was arrested for publicly rebuking Herod’s affair with a young woman who was both his niece and his brother’s wife. Herod wanted to kill John but was mindful of the crowd’s support of him as a prophet. Herod didn’t fear God but was swayed by the opinions of people.

Though John the Baptist centered his ministry on proclaiming Jesus as Messiah, John needed to be reminded that Jesus is truly the one God promised to send. Confined to a prison cell, John relayed his questions in his time of need to Jesus’ disciples and sent them to get an answer from the Lord. “Are you the one who is to come,” John asked Jesus, “or should we expect someone else?”

Jesus offered words of assurance to John and his followers by quoting Isaiah 35:5–6 and pointing to His miracles and proclamation of the gospel. Jesus’ purpose in coming to earth wasn’t to be a political hero for the Jews against the Romans, but to restore the relationship between God and man. Jesus asked the crowd why they followed John in the first place and declared that John was indeed a prophet.

John the Baptist’s message was even greater than that of the Old Testament prophets who preceded him. While the prophets of old declared the Messiah was coming, John declared that He was there among them—Jesus, their Emmanuel! Yet even though John had such an esteemed role in heralding the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus declared that the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John was. How blessed are partakers of the new covenant of Christ’s blood!

Just as John needed to be reminded of Jesus’ role as the Messiah, we, too, must be reminded of the good news of the gospel. John the Baptist trusted Jesus’ words of life and knew the threat of death was nothing compared to His promise of eternal life.

- Who was John the Baptist telling about their disobedience? King Herod
- What did King Herod do? Put John the Baptist in prison?
- Who else held a grudge? Herod’s wife
- What did John the Baptist ask Jesus while he was in prison? Are you the Messiah?
- How did Jesus respond? You have seen these great works and you are blessed.
- How does John the Baptists’ faith encourage you to boldly live out your faith in Jesus?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for the courage of the Disciples and Prophets to live out their faith. Ask God to deepen your faith so you will be a bold example of Christ to the world.

Wednesday Night Glow Night!!!
6:00—7:00PM!!!
Let's all be a light in the darkness!!!

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Preview for Sunday, August 9th

Jesus Raised a Widow's Son(Luke 7)

What town did Jesus and the disciples travel too? Nain

Who did Jesus see as He was coming into town? A man who died—a widows son.

What did Jesus do? He touched the coffin and said "get up"

What did everyone do? They were amazed and Glorified God!

Upcoming Activities:

Aug. 5	Glow Night
Aug. 8	Men's Breakfast 7:30 in Gym
Aug. 12	Faith @ Home
Aug. 16	Promotion Sunday
Aug. 19	Awana Club Parent Meeting
Aug. 26	Awana Clubs Begin 6—7:30 Women's Bible Study 6pm
Aug. 30	Sunday Funday (9am in Gym)
Sept. 7	Labor Day Office Closed
Sept. 12	Men's Breakfast
Sept. 26	Church Workday
Sept. 29	Good News Club Begins—goes thru Nov.3

