



LIFE OF JESUS

John the Baptist

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Before we get started, let's take a few minutes to talk about family. Raise your hand if you have a sibling. (allow kids to respond). How many siblings do you have? (allow a few kids to answer). Raise your hand if you have cousins? (allow kids to respond). How often do you get to see your cousins? (allow kids to respond). It sounds like you guys have great families.

In our lesson today, we're going to learn about some famous cousins. One guy you already know because we talk about him every week. Who is that? (allow kids to answer) Right, Jesus! We'll talk about Jesus today but we're also going to talk about his cousin, John. John was an important guy, too, and he was known for doing a certain thing. Here's a hint. It's in his name!

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together.

Song

Song 1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

John was great but he wanted to make Jesus greater. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What was John's mission? (point people to Jesus)
- What did John do for people in the river? (baptized them)

- True or False: It's okay to make yourself more important than Jesus. (F)

No way! No-one is more important than Jesus. He is God so that means he's the strongest, smartest and the best ever. No-one can compare to him. That's exactly what John the Baptist knew. His job was to teach the people that Jesus was coming to save the world. John wasn't trying to make himself famous. He knew his job was to make Jesus famous.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"He (point up) must become greater (right thumb up) and greater (left thumb up), and I (point to self) must become less (right thumb down) and less (left thumb down)." John 3:30 (Repeat)

These are John's words to some of his friends and followers. He was telling them not to be upset that less people were coming to be baptized by John once Jesus came along. That was the whole point. John's mission was to point people to Jesus. Once people realized how great Jesus was, and that he came to die for them, it was only right that they would follow Jesus. John understood that and was happy to become less important because that meant he was doing his job which was to make Jesus famous.

So kids, remember this in your own life. Don't look for ways to make yourself famous. Make sure that no matter what you're doing, point people to Jesus. Make him greater because he is great!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song 2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

John was great but he wanted to make Jesus greater. **(Repeat)**

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.