

City LG-January 25th-26th, 2020

Bible Story: Reason to Believe (Jesus and John the Baptist) • *Matthew 11:1-6 (Supporting: James 1:5)*

Bottom Line: If you don't understand something about God, ask.

Memory Verse: *The LORD gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth.*
Proverbs 2:6 (NirV)

CG: Countdown Video (Runtime: 2:00)

Worship: "Give My All" and "At the Top of My Lungs"

Worship Leader prays...

"Hi, everyone! (*Hold up Bible.*) We're picking up God's Big Story today by talking about a man named John the Baptist. We actually told another part of John's story a couple of weeks ago. If you were here, you might remember that John had been sent to prepare the way for Jesus.

"Jesus came to John and asked to be baptized, and God Himself told John and everyone else that Jesus was, in fact, God's chosen One—God's Son, the Savior. This was a really big deal! John had lots of followers of his own, but he made sure to always point people to Jesus.

"To tell us more about this, let's take a look at this week's Bible Story Video!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 4:45)

"What Jesus said to John made it very clear—Jesus IS God's Son. Only the Son of God could have the power to do the things Jesus was doing.

"Even though John was stuck in prison, God still loved him and cared about him. John wanted to be sure that Jesus was THE One that God was sending—the Savior. So he sent people to ask. Now he had his answer.

"John understood something important.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "If you don't understand something about God, ask.

"God is super amazing and super awesome. In fact, He's SO amazing and SO awesome that there will definitely be some times when you don't understand something about Him. You know what? That's okay! When you don't understand something about God, you do what John did. You can ask.

"Ask God to help you understand. Ask other people you know who follow God, like your parents or your Small Group Leader. Don't be afraid to ask questions and learn more about God. You'll never regret getting more knowledge about Him! Let's pray."

Pray: "Dear God, You are so big and so powerful. It's amazing to think that we can spend our whole lives getting to know You! Sometimes we have questions about things we don't understand. In those times, help us to do what John did. Help us to be brave enough to ask questions. Thank You for loving us and sending us Jesus so we can know more about You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."

"Here's the thing. Everyone has questions about God at some point. When you have questions or you're not sure about something, ask someone who knows a lot about God. Or ask God Himself!

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “If you don’t understand something about God, ask.

“Listen to these words from the book of James.

Open the Bible to James 1:5 (NirV) and read.

“If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you. God gives freely to everyone and doesn’t find fault.

“It’s so good to know that God will give us wisdom! He may not give it right away. It could be something that happens over a long time. But keep looking to God to help you understand more about Him and about how He wants you to live.

“Think about it. If you don’t understand a rule in soccer, who do you ask? *(Pause for response.)* Your coach. If you don’t understand something about reading music or singing, who do you ask? *(Pause for response.)* A music teacher. If you don’t understand how to make the perfect chocolate cake, who can you ask for help? *(Pause for response.)* Right. Someone who’s really good at baking. If you don’t understand something about God, ask Him. Ask the people He’s put in your life.

“Remember, **you can trust God no matter what.** Keep seeking His knowledge and wisdom so you can live each day for Him! Now, it’s time for Small Group. But before we head there, let’s worship God with our offering!”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 2:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.