

City LG—January 15th, 2023

Today's Bible Story: New Attitude (Jesus' Baptism) • *John 1:19-42; 3:22-36 (Matthew 3)*

Today's Bottom Line: When you discover something new, it can change you.

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

WORSHIP: Fireblazin' and Zeal

"Greetings, knowledge-seekers! I hope you're ready to learn something new and exciting today!"

"First, let's review how we got here. We've spent the last few months looking at God's Big Story, throughout the entire Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"We saw how, in the beginning, God created everything. But then, people turned away from God. Still, God had a rescue plan. God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem. And as He grew older, He kept His focus on God.

Open the Bible to Luke 2:52 (NIRV) and read.

"Jesus *became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.*"

"Let's head to our Story Lab to learn more!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:30)

"It's pretty amazing how John took every chance he could to help prepare the way for Jesus. John had spent his whole life listening to God, and God showed him the truth that Jesus was the Savior God had promised.

"Once John discovered the truth about Jesus, he started sharing it with everyone he met. He didn't worry about what people thought of HIM. He just wanted others to see the truth about Jesus. Because of that, other people, like Andrew and Peter, were able to put their faith in Jesus, too."

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "When you discover something new, it can change you.

"Anyone who truly listened to John ended up changed for the better, because they discovered that Jesus was the One they'd been waiting for—the One to follow.

"When we choose to follow Jesus, our lives will be changed, too! Let's pray and talk to God about that."

PRAY: "Dear God, thank You for changing our lives for the better when we choose to put our faith in Jesus. We can see in this story that the truth can CHANGE us—just like it did John, Peter, and the others. Help us keep learning new things about You so we can grow in knowledge and grow stronger in our relationship with You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"It's pretty cool how John believed Jesus was the Savior and because of that, Andrew, Peter, and so many others put their faith in Jesus, too!

"God had given John an important purpose—to baptize people and prepare people to follow Jesus. John spent his life doing that, because he knew the truth about who Jesus really is.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “When you discover something new, it can change you.

“That’s true for lots of different things in life. Maybe there’s someone at school who says something mean to you, and you’re not sure why. It would be easy to be mean back. But then you find out that kid’s family is going through something tough at home. That helps you understand, at least a little bit, why they might act-out at school. And it makes you want to try to be their friend when they’re going through such a difficult time.

“When you discover something new, it can help you step up and make a difference for others. It can help you **[Bottom Line] make the wise choice** because you can see things the way they really are. Of course, the most important thing you can discover is that Jesus is God’s Son. Once you discover who Jesus is, you can put your trust in Him and follow Him, just like Andrew and Peter did in our story. You can have a relationship with Jesus that will grow and change as you learn new things. And God’s Holy Spirit will work inside of you to make you more and more like Jesus every day.”

OFFERING:

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

CG: Eli and Mandy

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here’s a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

SLIDE: Kids at School (Image 6620)

So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!