

Home Family Worship with Kids 37. December 6th, 2020

Mark 1:1-8 *John the Baptist prepares the way*

Bible Reading Video: God's story: John the Baptist [God's Story: John the Baptist - YouTube](#)

The Preaching of John the Baptist: [The Preaching of John the Baptist - Mark 1:1-8 - Cartoon Bible Story - YouTube](#)

[Tell Me the Story: John the Baptist - YouTube](#)

Message:

I have to tell you a short story. Listen closely and then I'll ask you a question.

Pretend that it is the first day of school for you. I know school is nearly finished for the year but think back to the start. It is not only a new school year for you, but also a new school building or area of the school for you. An area of the school you haven't really been in much

And, at some point during that first day of school, you have to leave your classroom and go to the office. You get to the office, but.....

On your way back to the classroom, you get lost. The path to the office wasn't straight.

But then you see a teacher on the path. This teacher is not a teacher you know, but you don't care because you just want to get back to your classroom at this point.

You say to this new teacher that you don't know, you say, "Excuse me, I don't know how to get back to my classroom. Can you point me in the right direction?"

Now, here's my question – Do you think the teacher will help you out? (Yes! No!)

Well, it just so happens that the answer is yes – of course that teacher will help you out.

That teacher will say, "Do you see that corner down there where you came from? That's where you made your wrong turn. To get back to your classroom, go to that corner and then turn the other way. That will get you where you need to be."

You follow the other teacher's instructions and return safely to your regular classroom and teacher. Yay! Well-done on getting back to your room!

In today's Bible story, we hear a similar story – except the teacher that showed you the way is John the Baptist.

In the story, we hear that John the Baptist is out in the middle of the wilderness telling whoever finds him that they need to “repent.”

The word, “repent,” here, simply means to turn around.

This is the same thing that the teacher said in our story, right? That teacher said, *To get back to your classroom, go to that corner and then turn the other way. That will get you where you need to be.*”

John the Baptist is telling the people the same thing in today's Bible story. He's saying, “You've made some wrong turns, so what you need to do is turn around and go in the other direction – doing that will get you to your teacher, Jesus.”

John helped people be ready for Jesus to come. As we get ready to celebrate Jesus birth, we are reminded that Jesus is going to come again. He wants us to be ready. Sometimes we get lost and need helpers and reminders to turn around and to go back to Jesus. Jesus is there on the path to make it smooth and to help us be close to God, our Father for eternity.

Adapted from [Mark 1:1-8 Children's Sermon \(rfour.org\)](#)

Songs: Be Ready [Be Ready \[Official Video\] - YouTube](#)

Jesus is the King [Jesus is the King \(by Cool Worship Kids\) - YouTube](#)

Jesus is the One (Preschool song) [Kids Worship Songs - Jesus is the One | Freedom Kids - YouTube](#)

You Forgive Me [You Forgive Me | Maker Fun Factory Music Video | Group Publishing - YouTube](#)

Activities: Give each child a piece of rough wood or a little block and a small piece of sandpaper to sand the block of wood and make it smooth. Paint or use a marker to write on each block of wood, “Make our crooked ways straight and our rough places smooth.”