

P-6 KIDS CHURCH LEADERS GUIDE
TERM ONE 2015



JESUS

WATCH | LISTEN | FOLLOW



SAMPLE



| SMS | Learning Outcomes | Story |
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| <p>1. The Baptism of Jesus: John the Baptist</p> <p>Mark 1:1-15</p> <p>Jesus is the Mighty, Mighty King.</p> | <p><i>(Simple Message Statement)</i></p> <p>God's been preparing for a long time for Jesus to bring God's kingdom.</p> <p>Recognise that from the beginning of time God's plan was for Jesus to be the one to fix the whole world.</p> <p>Understand that Jesus came to call people to turn from sin and join God's kingdom</p> | <p>Mark 1:1-8 – Isaiah wrote hundreds of years earlier about how Jesus was going to come, and John would prepare the way for him. This was all part of God's plan.</p> <p>Mark 1:9-11 – When John baptised Jesus God spoke and made it clear who Jesus is.</p> <p>Mark 1:14-15 – Jesus began to teach and call people to turn from sin and join God's kingdom</p> |
| <p>2. The Healing of the Paralysed Man: Paralysed Man</p> <p>Mark 2:1-12</p> | <p>Jesus came to fix our greatest need: the problem of sin.</p> <p>Understand Jesus can fix any problem.</p> <p>Recognise that the biggest problem everyone has is sin.</p> <p>Realise the reason Jesus came was to deal with the problem of sin.</p> | <p>Mark 2:1-12 People thought the paralysed man's biggest need was to have his legs fixed.</p> <p>Jesus knew what the man really needed was to have his sins forgiven.</p> <p>The teachers of the law thought only God could forgive sin. They were right. Jesus proved he had power to forgive sin by also healing the man's legs.</p> |
| <p>3. The Parable of the Sower: Peter</p> <p>Mark 4:1-20</p> | <p>Jesus promises those who hear and accept God's word will be part of God's Kingdom.</p> <p>Realise lots of people hear God's word but only some people really accept it.</p> <p>Recognise there are lots of things that can take us away from really accepting God's word and following him.</p> <p>Understand those who really accept God's word will be in God's Kingdom forever.</p> | <p>Mark 4:1-9 Jesus told a story that showed how different people respond to God's word.</p> <p>Mark 4:13-20 Jesus explains the story to his disciples. Scattered seed – lots of people hear God's word.</p> <p>Different Soils - some people don't accept it. Some people let suffering take them away from God. Some people let the worries of life and wealth take them away from God. Some people accept God's word and</p> |



W.1 The Baptism of Jesus

SMS: *(Simple Message Statement)*

God's been preparing for a long time for Jesus to bring God's kingdom.

MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples. He said,
"Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves.
They must pick up their cross and follow me."

- Mark 8:34

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of kids church kids should:

Recognise that from the beginning of time God's plan was for Jesus to be the one to fix the whole world.

Understand that Jesus came to call people to turn from sin and join God's kingdom

Note: Outcome in **bold** is most important and for all age groups. Older age groups will be capable of achieving the other outcomes while younger age groups may not.

EVERY CLASS WILL BE DIFFERENT BUT IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL COMMUNICATE THE SAME SMS.

BIG GROUP TIME

SONGS

'Jesus is the Mighty, Mighty King' – Colin Buchanan

'Jesus is the King' – Quiz Worx

STORY TIME

Passage: Mark 1:1-15

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Kids Spot Overview: John-The Baptist

Introduce Self : John

- what he's been preaching
- been preaching 'Stop sinning. Turn back to God and trust him!'

Talk about 'special cousin': Jesus

- knew he was special even before he was born
- ever since been telling people to get ready for God's rescuer

Tell about baptising Jesus

- Jesus asked to be baptised
- God spoke and made it clear who Jesus is.

FOLLOW

"Jesus is totally worth following"

Follow me – twitter – facebook – kids church

A FULL SCRIPT FOR THE KIDS SPOT AND AN OUTLINE OF THE KIDS CHURCH STORY REVIEW WILL BE POSTED ON THE CITY IN THE WEEK LEADING UP TO KIDS CHURCH.

GROWTH GROUP TIME

ICE BREAKER

What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?

DISCUSSION TIME

Bible Passage:

Take some time to read about John's encounter with Jesus from the bible: Mark 1:1-15

Key Questions:

1. Who is the character we met today who knew Jesus?
2. What did John SEE Jesus do?
What was special about this?
3. What did John HEAR from God?
What does this tell us about who Jesus is?
4. What did John DO that was special (v.1-8)? – *prophecy in the desert – fulfilled the promises in Isaiah and Ezekiel*
5. If John fulfilled the prophecies from hundreds of year earlier what does that tell us about God's plan to fix the problem of sin? – *he's been planning it for a LONG time.*
How long has God been planning to send Jesus? – *a LONG time.*
6. What did Jesus Do after he got baptised? (v.14-15)
What did Jesus tell people?
What was the 'good news' he was talking about?
What did Jesus tell people to do?
7. Now that we know who Jesus is, and that he came to tell people to stop sinning and follow him, what should we do?

ACTIVITY SHEETS *(Children complete the Activity Sheets in this time.)*

MIX -IT-UP *(Choose one of the following...these are some ideas)*

- **CRAFT** – Jesus is Baptised Craft – Appendix 1.1
- **GAME** – Full Pelt – Appendix 2.1

SMS *(Simple Meaning Statement: Link discussion back to the SMS.)*

God's been preparing for a long time for Jesus to bring God's kingdom.

PRAYER TIME

Praise God for his big/long plan to fix the problem of sin.

Ask God to help you watch and listen to his story and follow him.

Mark Craft Ideas

| Week | Main Idea | Craft |
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| 1. The Baptism of Jesus: John the Baptist | <p>God's been preparing for a long time for Jesus to bring God's kingdom.</p> | <p>Jesus is baptized Craft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cardboard - Colouring pencils - Glue - Blue tack - glitter <p>https://auntiesbiblelessons.wordpress.com/2011/08/25/jesus-is-baptized/</p> |
| 2. The Healing of the Paralysed Man: Paralysed Man | <p>Jesus came to fix our greatest need: the problem of sin.</p> | <p>Mat being lowered into the house craft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cardboard - Colouring pencils - String <p>https://auntiesbiblelessons.wordpress.com/2011/08/27/jesus-heals-the-paralyzed-man-2/</p> |

JESUS

WATCH | LISTEN | FOLLOW

Watch Jesus. Listen To Jesus. Follow Jesus.
This is invitation offered throughout the book of Mark. To watch, listen to, and follow Jesus.

Watching is crucial to Mark's story of Jesus. We are invited to watch Jesus in action. As Jesus opens the eyes of the blind, we are asked to open our eyes to him. We are invited to open our mind to who he really is. We are invited to awake from spiritual slumber and be watchful.

Listening is crucial to Mark's story of Jesus. We are invited to listen to Jesus. As Jesus opens the ears of the deaf, we are asked to open our ears to him. We are invited to open our heart to him. We are invited to be the good soil that truly hears Jesus and is faithful.

Following is crucial to Mark's story of Jesus. We are invited to follow Jesus. We are invited to follow Mark's story of the arrival of God's Kingdom. We are invited to follow Mark's story of the arrival of God's King. As we watch and listen to others responding to King Jesus, we too are invited to follow Jesus as our King.

Will you? Will you take up the challenge of this term's memory verse and follow Jesus?

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