

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



People love camping, and for good reason! You can take in nature, practice special skills, or just take time to relax in a new environment. And when it comes to camping, no one loved it as much as John the Baptist. In this 4-week series, kids will hear about John the Baptist's special role in preparing the way for Jesus and his ministry. John's story will help kids to say their camp motto, "**I believe God gives me purpose. I believe God can speak to me. I believe God is powerful. I believe God's words are true.**"

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 I believe God gives me purpose.

Mark 1:1–8; Ephesians 1:3–14

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, ask God to help you uncover more about your purpose.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need help understanding your purpose? Could you help someone explore their purpose? How does your purpose connect with what God is doing around you? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 I believe God can speak to me.

Luke 3:2–3, 21–22; Psalm 29:3–9

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, use your prayer time to quietly listen for God's lead.

GROW

So what's your next step? Can you practice slowing down to listen for God's voice? Do you need help discerning God's voice in your life? Are there other spiritual practices that can help you connect with God? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3 I believe God is powerful.

Matthew 4:1–11; Psalm 36:5–10

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, ask for God's power to guide you through a specific struggle or temptation.

GROW

So what's your next step? Are there tempting situations you need help navigating? Who can keep you accountable as you face temptation? Is there a struggle you have been scared to share or confess that you might be ready to bring to God now? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4 I believe God's words are true.

Luke 4:14–30; Psalm 19:7–14

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week.
What stands out to you in this passage and why?

PRAY

This week, thank God for giving us true words to follow.

GROW

So what's your next step? Can you spend more time reading God's words? Do you have questions that you need answered? Could you use God's words to point someone else toward truth? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.