

UNIT 1
SESSION 1

*Bonus
Teaching Hour
for Babies*

JOHN TAUGHT ABOUT JESUS



TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

BIBLE STORY STATEMENTS

- » A man named John told people about God and Jesus. God told John to tell people some important news.
- » John went to the people. He said, "I have good news. Jesus is coming."
- » The people listened to John's news.

BIBLE WORDS TO HEAR

- » John, God, Jesus



ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The Bible tells about Jesus.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Luke 3:1-22; John 1:29-34

BIBLE VERSE

John said, "Jesus is the Son of God." *John 1:34*

LIFE POINT

The Bible tells about Jesus.

REMEMBER TO

Use a calm, quiet voice.

Focus attention on the babies.

Review parents' instructions and any medical information.

Put take-home items in children's bags.

Make a final diaper check.

Release children to authorized adults.



BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

SHAKE RATTLES

Gather: Music; rattles

- » Play “Thank You, God, for Jesus” and sing along while you sit near several babies.
- » Shake the rattles gently as you listen and sing “The Bible Is the Word of God.”
- » Mention that God gave us ears to hear songs and words about Jesus and the Bible.
- » Sway back and forth with the babies as you sing, tap, and shake the rattles to “Wiggle and Giggle.”

PLAY WITH BLOCKS IN A BAG

Gather: Small New Testament Bible, several plastic or cardboard blocks, small bag

Do: Put the Bible and blocks in the bag.

- » Place the bag on the floor near a child.
- » Invite the child to open the bag and dump the contents.
- » Call attention to the New Testament Bible.
- » Say that we read about Jesus in the Bible.
- » Encourage the baby to play with the blocks.
- » Say the Bible Verse: “John said, ‘Jesus is the Son of God.’ John 1:34.”
- » State: “John told the good news about Jesus. We read about John and Jesus in the Bible.”

LOOK IN A MIRROR

Gather: Nonbreakable mirror with round edges, blanket

- » Position the mirror so that a baby can see her reflection.
- » Tap the mirror to draw the baby’s attention to the reflection.
- » Call the baby’s name and mention that you see her in the mirror.
- » Drape the blanket over the mirror.
- » Ask: “Where did (child’s name) go?”
- » Pull the blanket slowly to uncover the mirror. Uncover the baby’s reflection completely and exclaim: “There’s (child’s name)! Jesus loves you!”
- » Talk about the Bible story, relating that John and the people saw Jesus.

ROLL A BALL

Gather: Foam ball

Option: Gather pictures of teachers, parents, and grandparents of the children in your room.

- » Roll the ball to a sitting baby.
- » Ask: “Who tells you about Jesus?”
- » Comment: “Mommy and Daddy tell you about Jesus.”
- » Optional: Show the baby a picture of his parents. Repeat this process using pictures of grandparents and teachers.
- » Roll the ball to other babies and tell the Bible story statements.