

Day 4: READ → Luke 7:18-35

READ & RESPOND → After John's followers left, Jesus told the crowd how special John was. John wasn't rich or famous, but he faithfully did the job God gave him—to prepare people for Jesus. The greatest thing about John wasn't his popularity. It was that he pointed people to Jesus. We can do that too by the way we live, love others, and tell people about Him.

Who is one person you can point to Jesus this week?

Write their name below.

Now pray for that person today.

PRAY → *Dear Jesus, help me point others to You with my words and my actions every day. Amen.*



Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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JOHN THE BAPTIST IN PRISON

Matthew 11, 14; Mark 6; Luke 3, 7

Big Picture Question: What is prayer? *Prayer is talking with God to praise Him, ask Him for help, and confess our sins.*

Main Point: John was reminded that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

Day 1: READ → Luke 3:19-20

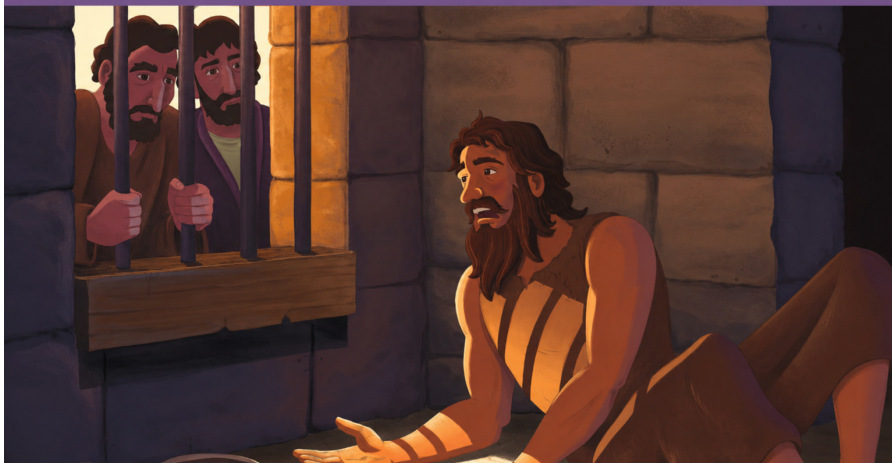
READ & ANSWER → John the Baptist loved God more than anything. He was brave enough to tell people the truth, even when it was hard. King Herod didn't like hearing the truth, so he put John in prison.

John obeyed God even though it cost him his freedom. Sometimes doing what is right isn't easy, but God is always pleased when we choose to obey Him.

How can you choose to do the right thing this week, even if it might be difficult?

PRAY → *Jesus, help me be brave enough to do what is right, even when it's hard. Amen.*

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Day 2: READ → Matthew 11:2–19

READ & WRITE → While John was in prison, he heard about the amazing things Jesus was doing. John sent his followers to ask Jesus if He really was the promised Savior. Jesus didn't get angry that John asked questions. Instead, He reminded John about all the miracles He was doing that proved He was God's Son. Jesus wants us to bring our questions to Him too. We can always trust Him.

Sometimes we all have questions. Finish this sentence:

One thing I want to ask Jesus is...

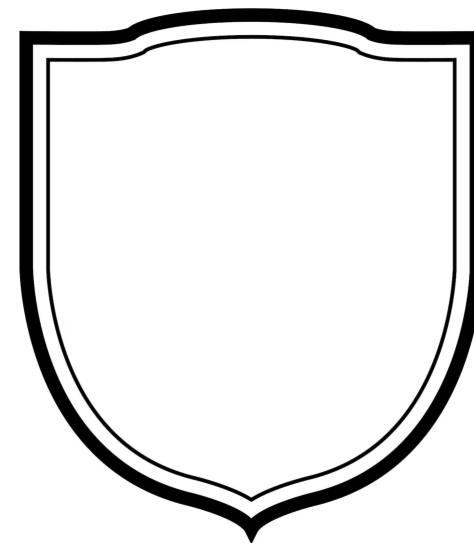
PRAY → *Jesus, thank You for listening to my questions and helping me trust You. Amen.*

Day 3: READ → Mark 6:14-29

READ & DO → John stayed faithful to God even while he was in prison. King Herod made a foolish promise and ordered that John be killed. John's life on earth ended, but he never stopped following God. John reminds us that loving and obeying Jesus is always worth it, no matter what happens.

Inside the shield write or draw three ways you can stay faithful to Jesus.

PRAY → *Jesus, help me stay faithful to You every day. Amen.*



Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12–13