

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

DEVOTION GUIDELINES

1. Keep it short and interactive.
2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

READ TOGETHER

Luke 1:76-77 ⁷⁶ "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways; ⁷⁷ To give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1:80 And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

John 1:22-27 ²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. ²⁷ It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 3:30 ³⁰ He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease.

TALK TOGETHER.

1. Who was John the Baptist? What was God's plan for his life?
2. How did God prepare John for his purpose in life?
3. How did John describe Jesus in relation to him? What does this tell us about character of John?
4. What made John the Baptist an effective witness for Jesus?
5. How would you prepare the way for Jesus to the people around you?

CONVICTION

I will let JESUS increase in my life.

APPLICATION

PLAN: Trust in God's amazing Plan

PREPARATION: Let brokenness build Christ-likeness in you.

PURPOSE: Live your life to point people to Jesus.

PRIZE: Jesus Himself is your great reward!

PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Lord, thank you for the wonderful plan that You have for us life. Mold, transform and empower us to be more like Christ, as we trust You as we tell the world of Your extraordinary work of love and grace through Jesus. Amen.

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