

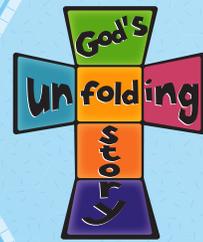
## Parents Connect

**Bible Story:**  
John Tells  
About Jesus  
(Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18)  
**Bible Phrase:** "Jesus is the  
Son of God" (John 20:31).  
**Bible Truth:** God helps  
me know about  
Jesus.



## God's Unfolding Story

1. God created everything 
2. People disobeyed God. 
3. God chose a special people. 
4. God sent Jesus to help us. 
5. Jesus began the Church. 
6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us. 



### Unfolding God's Story for Parents

Our biblical narrative does not tell us about the teenage and young adult years of Jesus' life. While we would like to know every detail of those years, we only have one verse of Scripture to cover those years: Luke 2:52, says "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people."

From there, the text jumps ahead to the beginning of Jesus' ministry at "about 30," where today's story begins.

It was an amazing thing for John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, to proclaim Him as the Son of God. He shared God's revelation to the world just as Anna and Simeon did when Jesus was a baby.

### With Your Child

Ask: How do you know when a policeman or fireman is getting close? (By his or her car or truck, by his or her uniform or by the siren).

Say: Sometimes it is easy to know who someone is by what they are wearing, but in today's story we learn people knew Jesus was special, despite appearing in the flesh as an ordinary man.

Tell the story.

### Bible Story John Tells About Jesus (Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18)

God wanted people to know Jesus was His Son and soon would begin His work of teaching, healing and telling people about God's love. God asked a man named John to tell people Jesus was coming. John was an unusual man. He lived outside most of the time and didn't wear the kind of clothes everyone else wore. He wore a camel-hair garment with a leather belt around his waist. John ate honey and a type of insect called a locust for food. John was Jesus' cousin and grew up near Jesus.

John loved God and wanted to tell people about Jesus. Every day, John told the people, "Jesus is coming!" John wanted everyone to know about Jesus. The people loved John and thought he was an amazing person. They thought he might be God's Son, but John told the people Jesus was God's Son and that when He came, Jesus would do mighty and powerful things. John helped people know God's Son, Jesus, was coming!

### Activity Suggestion Play the "Decision Game"

Sit with your preschooler and look through a picture Bible. Look at pictures of different characters. Explain that we don't know exactly how these individuals looked because there were not cameras to take photographs back then.

Say: These pictures just remind us of how people may have looked in biblical times.

Turn to pictures of Jesus at different times of His life and ministry. Talk together about how Jesus loved people. Today, Jesus is in heaven with God; and He loves us. Pray together, thanking God for sending Jesus to Earth.