

# THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

## AS YOU READ CHAPTER 23

*This week we read Chapter 23 of The Story! In this story we learn about Jesus' cousin John. John was known to baptize people in the river. We encourage you to ask your own questions along the way, too!*

1. John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord. Some people believed him, but others thought he was weird because he wore funny clothes and ate bugs. What would you think if somebody like that told you the Lord was coming?

Prayer: God, we pray you help us to not judge others based on what they are wearing or their personality. We pray you help us to understand we were all made different and are all perfect in your sight. Amen.

2. John the Baptist was also Jesus' cousin. Do you have any funny family members?

Prayer: God, we thank you for all of our family members. We pray you bless them, protect them and heal them. Amen.

3. When John baptized Jesus, a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him." How does it feel when your parents say those words about you?

Prayer: God, we pray you help us to know that our parents love us and do what's best for us. We pray we do things that are honoring to you and that we always know you are pleased with us. Amen.

4. What are things you can do to please your parents?

Prayer: God, thank you for giving us the parents you did. Thank you for their love and support to us and we ask we be a blessing to their life. Amen.

5. When Jesus asked someone to be his disciple, he simply said, "Follow me." What can you do to follow Jesus more closely?

Prayer: God, we pray we learn to grow in a stronger relationship with you. We ask you help us to know the importance of reading the Bible and *The Story*. Amen!



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