

Family Theme | **Lessons From the Life of John** Date | **July 26, 2026**

Study Text | **Luke 5:1-11 and others**

**Read the Word:** Luke 5:1-11 and others

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how we can put life lessons from John into action.

Discuss the following Key Events and Life Lessons. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Event: John Became a Committed Follower of Jesus (Luke 5:1-11)**

**LIFE LESSON 1:** Make following Jesus your highest priority, and don't let anything stand in the way of walking with Him.

- What did "leaving everything" look like for John? What might it look like for us today?
- What kinds of things can compete with Jesus for first place in our lives today?



**Key Event: John Was Part of Jesus' Inner Circle (Luke 8:40-56)**

**LIFE LESSON 2:** Trust Jesus. He has the compassion and power to meet our deepest needs.

- What situations in your life right now require you to trust Jesus' compassion and power?

**LIFE LESSON 3:** Listen to and obey Jesus. He is the Son of God.

- If Jesus truly is the Son of God, what difference should that make in how we respond to His Word?
- Why do we sometimes listen to other voices more than we listen to Jesus?

**LIFE LESSON 4:** Like Jesus, submit to God's will for your life.

- How does Jesus' example help us submit to God's will even when our plans are disrupted?
- How can prayer help us move from resistance to surrender?



**Key Event: John Was a Witness of Jesus' Resurrection (John 20:1-8, 19-20)**

**LIFE LESSON 5:** Joyfully look forward to Heaven. Because Jesus lives, believers will live also.

- Why does the Resurrection change the way we view death?
- How can confidently looking forward to Heaven motivate us to share the gospel and live faithfully for Jesus now?



## **Key Event: John Was a Witness to the Early Believers (1 John 1:1–2:2)**

**LIFE LESSON 6:** Be holy because God is holy.

- *How would you explain holiness to an unbeliever?*
- *Why does holiness go beyond just trying harder or being “more moral”?*

**LIFE LESSON 7:** Love God and others because God loves us.

- *Where is it hardest for you to show Christlike love right now?*
- *What practical step could you take this week to reflect God’s love?*

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- How would you describe the relationship between Jesus and John?
- Why was sharing God’s love to others so important to John?
- If someone watched your life closely for a week, what would they notice about your relationship with Jesus?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Hebrews 11:6.**



### **Discuss This Week’s Building Block:**

John wrote five New Testament books: the gospel of John, three letters (epistles), and Revelation.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Place a clean white napkin or piece of paper on a table. Talk about what it looks like and how the look would change if something was spilled on it. Read the application verse or say it together. Explain the word *holy* means set apart and different. God is perfectly holy, and He calls us to live in ways that follow His example and honor Him. Discuss some choices your family could make (speak kind words, be truthful, choose obedience, etc.) and habits to practice (praying daily, reading your Bible, learning a Bible verse) to help you live differently from the world. Pray and ask God to help your family reflect His holiness and love every day.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned everything in **God’s Word Is True**. The Old Testament teaches the true stories of things that happened before Jesus was born and the New Testament teaches the true stories of things that happened after Jesus’ birth. God gives us His Word to help us learn from Him and live our lives for Him.