

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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THE BIG IDEA

We can know forgiveness because of Jesus.

THE BIBLE

Jesus is Baptized: Mark 1:4-11;
(Acts 19:1-7)

QUESTIONS

- Why did John baptize people with water?
- What happened when Jesus got baptized?
- What did God say about Jesus?
- Read Mark 1:8. John says that he baptizes with water, but how will Jesus baptize people?
- Is getting baptized by water enough to receive forgiveness?
- Describe a time when you needed to forgive someone. What about a time when you needed forgiveness?
- What does it mean to be forgiven?

ACTIVITY

Have kids get in pairs or groups of three. Give each pair or group some washable paint, a piece of paper, a bucket of water, and a washcloth. Tell the kids to form a “thumbs up” sign with their hands, dip it in paint, then stamp it on the paper. Then, encourage them to wash the paint off each other’s hands and as they do, say one compliment about the other person.

We all make mistakes and sometimes, our mistakes can be hurtful to a friend. Thumbs up to all of you for saying kind words and helping each other wash the paint off. Just like how the water washed away the paint, Jesus washes away our sins – and he doesn’t even need a washcloth. **We can know forgiveness because of Jesus.**

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Looking for sign language? Go to growcurriculum.org/John14-6 and get memorizing!