

Read Matthew 4:1-11. Discussion Questions:

1. Why did John say that Jesus must increase and that he (John) must decrease?
  - a. Prompt kids to recall that with Jesus on earth, John's mission was complete. Jesus was the One whom people had been waiting for—the promised Messiah who would save people from their sins! Jesus was greater than John, and John joyfully stepped aside as Jesus began His earthly ministry. (Read Luke 14:11)
2. Who deserves fame and glory in our own lives—us or God? Why?
  - a. Help kids recognize that even when you work hard to accomplish something great, you can give God glory because He made you and gives you special talents and abilities. Prompt them to discuss ways they can make Jesus famous instead of trying to make a great name for themselves. (Read Matthew 5:16)
3. When is it hard to glorify Jesus?
  - a. Discuss situations kids may face that can fill them with pride or arrogance. Explain that sinful pride makes it impossible to glorify Jesus. Remind them that our gifts and talents were given by God as a way to glorify God. When we do well, we can thank God and remind other people about His goodness to bless us with talents or skills.
4. How can we point others to Jesus?
  - a. Invite kids to discuss how we can tell people directly about Jesus, and we can also show kindness and have peace in a way that shows we trust Jesus with our lives and our future. (Read 1 Peter 3:15)

Activities (find the printables at <https://orchardhill.org/bulletin/>)

1. Coloring Page
2. Come up with an alphabetical list of reasons to praise God! Maybe it is a trait about Him, something that has happened in the life of your family, or any other reasons He deserves the glory! Start with something that starts with the A and then go through the rest of the alphabet. You may have to get creative for harder letters like Q, X, or Z!
3. Work on memorizing the key passage and what it means, and send a video to Ms. Miranda!