

# Think Tank: Put your knowledge to the test



First, watch  
this week's  
video!

**Knowledge:**  
Learning  
something new  
so you can  
be better at  
whatever you do

### Memory Verse

"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."  
Proverbs 2:6, NIV

### Bible Story

John the Baptist  
in Prison  
Matthew 11:1-6  
(James 1:5)

### Bottom Line

If you don't understand something, ask.

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can give us knowledge.

## Activity

### Who Am I?

#### What You Need:

No supplies needed

#### What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "I'm going to read a list of clues that describe an animal. Let's see how many clues it takes for you to guess each animal!" Read from the list of clues, allowing your kid to make a guess after each one.

#### Animal Clues:

I am black and white.

I am a bird.

I can swim, but I can't fly.

(penguin)

I have two arms.

I have two legs.

I have a tail.

I have big feet and can hop very fast.

I have a pouch.

(kangaroo)

I have thick gray skin.

I eat grass, bushes, trees, bark, and fruits.

I have big ears and a long trunk.

(elephant)

I am black and white.

I have four legs.

I have stripes.

(zebra)

When you finish, say, "You are so smart! You figured out what the animals were. In our story today, we learned about a man who trying to out who Someone really was."

## Talk About the Bible Story

When John was in prison, what question did he ask Jesus? (To paraphrase: "Are you the Savior, or is someone else coming?")

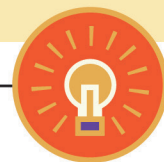
How did Jesus respond? (He told John about the miracles He had done.)

John had questions about Jesus. Is it okay for us to have questions about Jesus? (Yes!)

What can we learn from the way Jesus responded to John's question? (If you don't understand something, ask.)

If you could ask God any question, what would it be?

Parent: Share about a time when you struggled with wanting to know something about God, Jesus, or the Bible. How did you handle it?



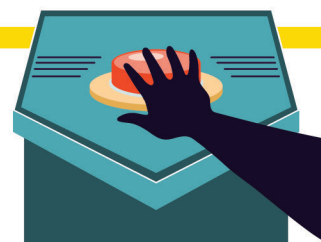
## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for this reminder that it's ALWAYS okay to ask You questions. You are there to help us when we're confused or don't understand something. Lord, please help us understand when we have questions about what we believe. Help us to keep looking to You for our answers. We love You SO much, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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## Key Question

What questions do you have?

## Activity

### 20 Questions

#### What You Need:

Scrap paper, writing utensil

#### What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "I'm going to write down a person's name on this piece of paper—but you won't be able to see it! Instead, you'll have 20 questions you can ask me to figure out whose name I write down. But your questions have to be 'yes' or 'no' questions."

Write down a person's name, keeping the paper hidden so your child can't see what you're writing. Turn the paper over. Allow your child to ask 20 questions to guess whose name you wrote down. Then, switch places, and YOU become the guesser.

When you're finished, say, "This game reminds me of John the Baptist in our story today. He was trying to figure out who Jesus really was."



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John had questions about Jesus. Is it okay for us to have questions about Jesus? (Yes!)

What can we learn from the way Jesus responded to John's question? (If you don't understand something, ask.)

John knew about Jesus, yet he still had questions about Jesus. Just like John, we are always learning and growing, and thinking about Jesus in new ways. Imagine that you're sitting with Jesus. What questions would you ask Him?

Since Jesus isn't sitting here with us, who can you ask your questions to?

What are some things that you know are true about God? How can knowing these truths help you when you have questions that are hard to answer?

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