

# Monthly Overview

Week	Bible Story	Bottom Line	Conversation Starter
1	<b>John the Baptist Is a Witness About Jesus</b> John 3:22-36	Jesus must increase. I must decrease.	How can I show others that Jesus is better?
2	<b>A Roman Commander Has Faith</b> Matthew 8:5-13	Remember God is most important.	How do you show that God is important?
3	<b>Be Humble/Love Your Enemies</b> Matthew 5:38-48	Love like Jesus even when it's hard.	How can you show kindness to someone who makes you mad?
4	<b>Mary and Martha</b> Luke 10:38-42	Make time for Jesus first.	How can you make time for Jesus?
5	<b>Palm Sunday/Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet</b> John 12:9-16, 13:1-17	Jesus showed us how to be humble.	When has someone put you first?

Core Insight

**Compassion That Reflects God's Character**

Key Application

**Compassion**

**Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.**  
Philippians 2:3, NIV



# Weekly Summaries

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1	<b>John the Baptist Is a Witness About Jesus</b>	Throughout the month, we take a look at humility in the life of Jesus, and in the lives of people He encountered. In Week 1, followers of John the Baptist are up in arms about all the people going to follow Jesus. He's the competition, right? But John the Baptist is secure in his calling—that his whole purpose is to point people to Jesus, rather than to himself. <b>[BOTTOM LINE]</b> <u>Jesus must increase. I must decrease.</u>
2	<b>A Roman Commander Has Faith</b>	In Week 2, meet a Roman commander who comes to Jesus for help. Instead of asserting his power and status, the man humbly asks Jesus to heal his servant. The commander even trusts that Jesus is so powerful that He only needs to speak and the boy will be made well. <b>[BOTTOM LINE]</b> <u>Remember God is most important.</u>
3	<b>Be Humble/Love Your Enemies</b>	We follow up in Week 3 with Jesus' teaching to "turn the other cheek" and "go the extra mile." Rather than paying back our enemies in kind, we show they can't control us when we choose to love like Jesus ... and trust God to make things right. Bottom Line: <u>Love like Jesus even when it's hard.</u> <b>[BOTTOM LINE]</b> <u>Love like Jesus even when it's hard.</u>
4	<b>Mary and Martha</b>	Week 4 brings us to the story of Mary and Martha. While Martha whips up a frenzy of activity to prepare for their guests, Mary simply sits at the feet of Jesus. When Martha finally explodes about her sister, Jesus doesn't send Mary to work. Instead, Jesus affirms that what Mary has done in spending time with Him is even more important than doing things for Him. <b>[BOTTOM LINE]</b> <u>Make time for Jesus first.</u>
5	<b>Palm Sunday/ Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet</b>	We wrap up the month as Jesus approaches Jerusalem during Passover week. Days after entering Jerusalem on a donkey, to the cheers of a multitude, Jesus celebrates the Passover meal with His closest friends. Instead of demanding that He be served, Jesus takes on the role of the lowliest servant by washing His disciples' feet ... even those of Judas, His betrayer. <b>[BOTTOM LINE]</b> <u>Jesus showed us how to be humble.</u>