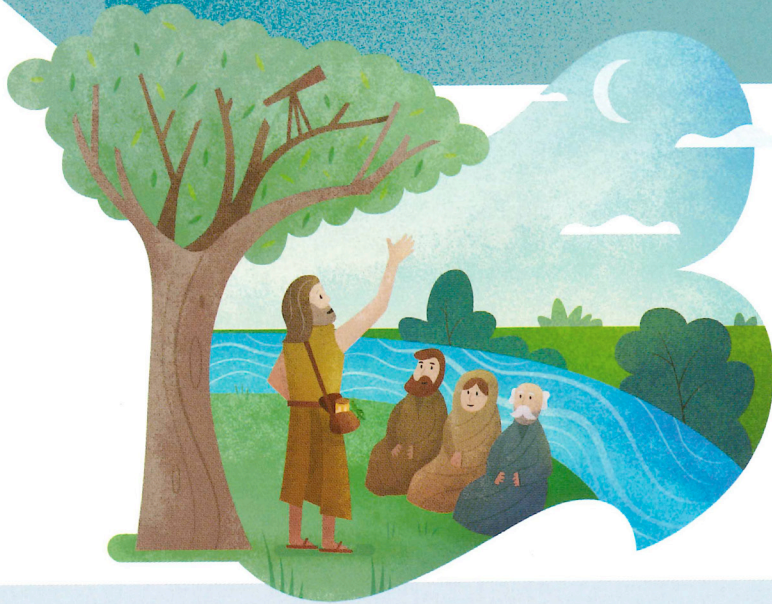


# BE LIKE THE MOON



[Jesus] said, “I am the light of the world.”

JOHN 8:12 ICB

**D**ID YOU KNOW THE Moon doesn’t shine? It doesn’t even glow. Now, maybe you’re thinking, *Sure, then what’s that big bright thing in the sky every night?* Okay, yeah, it’s the Moon. But it’s not actually shining. It’s *reflecting*.

Let’s try a little demonstration to explain. Grab a small mirror and angle it so the Sun hits it. The mirror gets bright, right? But is the mirror making that light? No. It’s *reflecting* it. The Moon does the same thing. It doesn’t make its own light. Instead, it acts like a mirror—a gigantic, gray, dusty mirror—that reflects the Sun’s light.

John the Baptist was a lot like the Moon. No, he didn’t glow or anything like that. He was Jesus’ cousin (check out Luke 1–2). John was on a mission to tell the world that the Savior they’d been waiting thousands of years to see was finally coming—Jesus was coming! Even though John was an amazing prophet and teacher and lots of people followed him, he didn’t talk about himself. He talked about Jesus. That’s because John knew Jesus was the real Light of the World. And his job was to reflect Jesus’ light into the world by telling everyone about Him.

Our job is to be like John the Baptist and reflect the light of Jesus into the world too. We do that when we tell others about Him. But we also do that when we love and help others the way Jesus did. That could mean serving meals at a homeless shelter, praying for someone who’s sick, helping in Bible class, collecting blankets for foster kids, or being a friend to someone who’s lonely. What can you do to reflect His light into the world today?

**GOD, HELP ME TO DO AND SAY THE THINGS THAT WILL SHOW OTHERS HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES THEM. I WANT TO SHINE HIS LIGHT! AMEN.**



## DID YOU KNOW?

To protect their eyes, the Apollo 11 astronauts carried sunglasses on their trip to the Moon. For extra protection, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) added a special visor on their spacesuit helmets. It blocked out the Sun’s strong rays but still let enough light through for the astronauts to see. What made the visor so special? It was coated in a thin layer of actual gold! Talk about expensive shades!