



It's Good to Point!

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The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Parents teach their children many important lessons. One lesson kids often hear early on is: "It's not nice to point." Pointing can be rude. It can hurt someone's feelings. So parents remind kids to keep their fingers to themselves.

But here's something interesting. Sometimes pointing is actually a very good thing. Think about babies and toddlers. Before they can talk, what do they do? They point! They point to toys. They point to snacks. They point to things they want you to see. Pointing means, "Look at this—it's important!"

In today's Bible lesson, God was very happy with two people who pointed. The first was John the Baptist. Whenever John saw Jesus, he wanted everyone to notice him. So he said loudly and excitedly: "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John wasn't being rude. He was helping people see their Savior.

Another person who pointed was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. Andrew didn't use his finger either—but he used his words. He ran to Peter and said: "We have found the Messiah!" Both John and Andrew pointed people to Jesus—and God praised them for it.

Now think about this question together: Who pointed you to the Lamb of God? Was it your parents—when they brought you to be baptized, brought you to church, or prayed with you at home? Was it a teacher? A pastor? A grandparent? A friend? Christians love to point to Jesus because only good things happen when people look to him. Jesus loves when people point to him!

That's important, because sometimes we forget to look at Jesus. We rush away from the dinner table without stopping to thank Jesus. We let sports, screens, or homework take over time we could spend with God's Word and prayer. We let scary or sad things make us forget that Jesus is always with us. When that happens, God lovingly sends people to point us back to Jesus again. And Jesus doesn't get tired of that. He keeps forgiving. He keeps loving. He keeps staying with us.

Now here's the exciting part: You can be a pointer too. You can be a modern-day John the Baptist. You can be a 21st-century Andrew. You can point your parents, your friends, your classmates, and your teammates to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away their sins too.

Yes, sometimes pointing can be rude. But pointing to Jesus is loving. Pointing to Jesus is helpful. Pointing to Jesus helps people know they have a Savior.

Questions to Consider:

- Why do parents usually tell kids not to point? Why is pointing to Jesus different?
- Who has helped point you to Jesus? (Parents, teachers, pastors, friends?)
- What is one Bible story you really like listening to or talking about? Why do you like that one?
- If a friend wondered, “Does God really forgive me?” what Bible story could you share?
- What would you do if you pointed someone to Jesus, but they didn’t believe right away? (Who could you pray for? What could you keep doing?)
- What makes you feel nervous about talking about Jesus? What could help calm those nerves?