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The gospel of John Background and overview

1. Why do you think it is important for Christians to read the Bible? Do you read the Bible on your own? Why or Why not?
2. In John 13:23 and 19:26, what does John call himself? Why do you think he called himself that?
3. According to John 20:30-31, why did John write this Gospel?
4. John has selected 7 out of the many miracles that Jesus performed and calls them signs given to us to help us believe. List the seven miracles which John selected. (See chapters 2, 5, 6, 9, 11)
Which miracle is your favorite? Why?
5. Throughout his Gospel, John records many of the amazing claims Jesus made about himself. In John 6:35 what does Jesus call himself? Why do you think Jesus compares himself to food? Why do we need food? Why do we need Jesus?

In John 10:14 what does Jesus call himself? If Jesus is the shepherd, who are the sheep? What does a shepherd do for his sheep? How does Jesus take care of and love us?
6. There are many significant events in Jesus' life that Matthew, Mark and Luke include that John leaves out. Name as many as you can.
7. What are you hoping will be the benefit of studying this Gospel?

Suggestions if you are doing this with kids:

- *Our elementary kids are memorizing verses from John during the sermon series. Jump in and learn the verses with your kids. You could set up some sort of reward system for family members who learn the verses. The first memory verse is the first verse in John.
John 1:1 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 1:1*
- *You could play a simple game of “Heads or Tails” to make your time together fun. Take turns flipping a coin. Heads, answer a question. Tails, complete some action (i.e. do 5 jumping jacks, spin in place 3 times, get a piece of candy, give another family member a hug, etc.) Be creative with your actions and have fun with it.*
- *Don't feel like you must complete every question or look up every verse. Do the lesson yourself, and then choose what you want to discuss with your family.*
- *Have the verses you want to read already marked in your Bible, but leave a few for kids to look up and read. Help them find the verses by looking up the book in the table of contents, finding the big number for the chapter and the little number for the verses.*