



Believe

the gospel of John

John 1:1-18

Use these questions to prepare for Sunday, Jan 29

1. Who is an important person in your life? Why are they so important to you?
2. How is John 1:1-5 like Genesis 1:1-5?
3. What do we use words for? Why do you think John chose to call Jesus “the Word?” What did God want to tell us by sending Jesus to the world?
4. What three things can we learn about Jesus from the first two verses?
5. How do verses 4 and 5 describe the Word? How does Jesus give us light? (If you’re not sure, think about all the things you might use a flashlight for).
6. What was the purpose of John the Baptist? (1:6-8, 15) How is that like John the Apostle’s role? (see John 21:24)
7. How did most of the people respond to Jesus? Some people responded by accepting Jesus as the Word and believing in Him. What happened to them (1:12)? What happens to us when we accept and believe in Jesus? How have you responded to Jesus?
8. According to verses 1:14-18, God became a man, and that man was Jesus. Why do you think God decided to become a man? Why is it a big deal that God decided to do this?

Suggestions if you are doing this with kids:

- **Memory verse:** *John 1:1 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1*
- *Play a game of “Sixes” to make your time together fun. You’ll need one die and a piece of paper to keep score. Take turns rolling the die. What you roll is how many points you get for answering a question. (1=1000 points, 2=2000, etc.) But, if you roll a 6, you must swap point with another player of your choice.*
- *Don’t feel like you have to complete every question or look up every verse. Do the lesson yourself, and then choose what you want to discuss with your family.*
- *Let kids look up a few of the verses. 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.*