

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 1 – 2

Introduction to John

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 00 · September 6, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT**Big idea:** John saw Jesus with his own eyes and wrote it down so we could know Jesus too.**Bible:** John 20:31 – John wrote these things so we would believe that Jesus is God’s Son, and so we could have life with Him.**Time:** 10–15 minutes. Keep it moving; let every child answer at least once.**WARM UP***Get them talking about being an eyewitness before you say the word “John.”*

1. Tell me about something you saw happen with your own eyes this week. How is that different from someone just telling you about it?

TALK ABOUT IT

2. John was Jesus’ friend. He saw Jesus do amazing things. What is one amazing thing you know Jesus did?

Prompt with the list if needed: turned water into wine, fed 5,000 people, walked on water, made a blind man see, brought Lazarus back to life.

3. John was very old when he wrote his book. Why do you think he wanted to write it all down?

Land here: so people who never met Jesus could know Him too – that means us.

4. Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd.” What does a shepherd do for his sheep?

Keeps them safe, finds them when they’re lost, feeds them. Jesus does that for us.

5. John called himself “the friend Jesus loved.” Does Jesus love you? How do you know?

*John 3:16 in their words: God loved us so much He gave us Jesus.***DO IT**

Eyewitness game. Do something simple in front of the group (stack three cups, hop on one foot, draw a shape). Then ask them to tell someone who “wasn’t there” exactly what they saw. Explain: that’s what John did for us – he was there, and he told us exactly what he saw.

PRAY TOGETHER

Have them repeat after you: “Dear God, thank You that John saw Jesus and wrote it down. Help me get to know Jesus this year. Amen.”

Send them home with the Family Take-Home sheet. Next week: In The Beginning was Jesus · John 1:1–5.