

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 3–5

Introduction to John

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

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: John was an eyewitness. He wrote his Gospel so we could believe Jesus is God’s Son and have life in Him.

Read together: John 20:30–31 (have one student read it aloud twice).

Time: 15–20 minutes. This week is about the whole year ahead, so aim for excitement, not mastery.

WARM UP

1. If you had to tell someone about the best day of your life, would you rather they read about it in a report or hear it from you? Why?

THROUGH HIS EYES

2. John was there when Jesus did His miracles. Name as many of the seven signs as you can.
Water into wine, healing a boy from far away, healing a man paralyzed 38 years, feeding 5,000, walking on water, healing a man born blind, raising Lazarus.
3. Each miracle shows something Jesus is stronger than – distance, time, hunger, storms, even death. Which one would you most want to have seen? Why?
4. John 1:14 says John “saw His glory.” That means when John watched Jesus, he was seeing what God is like. What do you learn about God from how Jesus treated people?

INTO HIS MIND

5. Jesus said “I AM” seven times – the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Door, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection, the Way, the Vine. Pick one. What does it tell you Jesus wants to be for you?
Connect one to a real need: hungry, scared of the dark, left out, lost.

INTO HIS HEART

6. John never wrote his own name in his whole book. He just called himself “the disciple Jesus loved.” If you could only say one true thing about yourself, would that be it? Why or why not?
7. Pastor said, “Jesus didn’t come to fix your life. He came to give you His.” What do you think that means?
His life doesn’t run out, doesn’t fail, and starts now – not just in heaven someday.

DO IT

Count the sevens. Give each student a Bible. In two teams, race to find the seven “I AM” references (6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1). First team to read all seven aloud wins. Then ask: why do you think John picked exactly seven?

PRAY TOGETHER

“God, thank You that John wrote down what he saw so we could believe. This year, help us really know Jesus – not just know about Him. Amen.”

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