

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 1–2

In The Beginning Was Jesus

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 01 · September 13, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: Jesus was already there before anything else was. He made everything, and He is the light that the dark can never turn off.

Memory verse: John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Time: 10–15 minutes. Keep it moving; let every child answer at least once.

WARM UP

Get them thinking about “before” before you open the Bible.

1. What is something that was here before you were born? What about before your parents were born?

Trees, mountains, the sun, the ocean. Let them name a few and be amazed at how old things are.

TALK ABOUT IT

2. Our verse says Jesus was there “in the beginning.” That means before dinosaurs, before the stars, before anything. How old does that make Jesus?

Land here: He never started. He has always been. That is something only God can be.

3. When you keep a secret, nobody knows what you’re thinking until you say it out loud. The Bible calls Jesus “the Word.” What do you think that means?

Words let people know what’s inside you. Jesus shows us what God is like. If you want to know God, look at Jesus.

4. John 1:3 says everything was made through Jesus. Look around the room – name three things God made.

Then say it: He made you too. He knew about you before you were here.

5. Have you ever been somewhere really dark? What happens when somebody turns on a light?

The dark leaves. It never wins. Jesus is a light the dark can never turn off.

DO IT

Flashlight game. Turn off the lights and hold up one small flashlight. Ask the kids to try to make the light go away by waving their hands or covering it – without touching it. It keeps shining. Tell them: that is John 1:5. The dark has been trying to put Jesus out for a very long time. It has never once worked.

PRAY TOGETHER

Have them repeat after you: “Dear God, thank You that Jesus was here before everything. Thank You that He made me. Help me follow the light. Amen.”

Send them home with the Family Take-Home sheet. Next week: Week 2 · The Light of the World Rejected · John 1:6–13 · September 20, 2026