

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 3 – 5

In The Beginning Was Jesus

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

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: Jesus is not part of the story – He is the One who started it. He was before everything, He made everything, and He is the light the darkness cannot put out.

Read together: John 1:1–5 (have one student read it aloud twice). Memory verse: John 1:1.

Time: 15–20 minutes. Five verses is short – slow down and let them notice things instead of covering ground.

WARM UP**1. If you made something out of Legos, could the Legos tell you what to do? Why not?**

Get them to the idea: the maker is always bigger than the thing he made.

HE WAS BEFORE YOU**2. John 1:1 starts the same way Genesis 1:1 does – “in the beginning.” But John adds something. What is already there when the beginning begins?**

Jesus. He didn't get created at Christmas. He never started at all.

3. John calls Jesus “the Word.” Nobody knows what you’re thinking until you say it out loud. So what is Jesus showing us about God?**HE MADE YOU****4. Verse 3 says everything was made through Jesus, and nothing was made without Him. What does that include?**

Push until somebody says “me.” That's the point – you were His idea before you were anybody's.

HE IS LIGHT AND LIFE**5. Verse 4 says life is IN Jesus – not just from Him. What's the difference between someone handing you a snack and someone owning the whole kitchen?****6. Verse 5 says the light shines in the dark, and the dark has never put it out. Has anybody ever seen darkness win against a light? What does that tell you about Jesus?**

The light doesn't fight the dark. It just shines, and the dark has to go.

SO WHAT**7. If Jesus was before you, made you, and is the light – does it matter what you think about Him? Why or why not?**

All of it is true whether we agree or not. Our job isn't to decide who He is. It's to come to Him.

THIS WEEK

Read John 1:1–18 every day this week – it takes two minutes. Every time you finish, ask God the same question out loud: “Who do You say You are?”

Next week: Week 2 · The Light of the World Rejected · John 1:6–13 · September 20, 2026