

FAMILY TAKE-HOME · KIDS

In The Beginning Was Jesus

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

WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

Before there were stars, before there was a world, before there was anything at all – Jesus was already there. He never started. He made everything there is, including you. And He is a light that shines in the dark, and the dark has never once been able to put it out.

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

TALK ABOUT IT AT DINNER

1. What is the oldest thing you can think of? Jesus is older than that – He never began at all. What do you think about that?

Younger kids: older than dinosaurs, older than the stars, older than everything.

2. The Bible calls Jesus “the Word.” Nobody knows what you’re thinking until you say it out loud. So what is Jesus showing us?

Land here: if you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus.

3. John 1:3 says everything was made through Jesus – and that includes you. How does it feel to know you were His idea first?

4. Pastor said, “A Jesus you create can never be bigger than you are.” What do you think that means?

Older kids: if we invent a version of Jesus we like, it isn't really Him – and it can't help us.

WRITE IT DOWN

John 1:5 says the light shines in the dark and the dark has never put it out. Finish this sentence: One dark thing I want Jesus' light to shine on is...

One question I have about Jesus this week is...

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Read John 1:1–18 together this week – it only takes a couple of minutes. Every time you finish, have each person ask God the same question out loud: “Who do You say You are?” Then sit quietly for one minute.

☐ We read John 1:1–18 ☐ We asked God the question ☐ I said the memory verse

PRAY TOGETHER

“Dear God, thank You that Jesus was here before everything, and that He made us. Thank You that His light shines in the dark and never goes out. Help our family come to Jesus and not just know about Him. Amen.”

Next Sunday: Week 2 · The Light of the World Rejected · John 1:6–13 · September 20, 2026 · Daily devotional for parents at thesummit.life