

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 1–2

The Light of the World Rejected

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 02 · September 20, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: Jesus is the light. When He came, most people would not let Him in. But everyone who opens the door to Jesus becomes a child of God.

Memory verse: John 1:12 — “But to all who did receive him...he gave the right to become children of God.”

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

WARM UP

Get them thinking about doors before you open the Bible.

1. Have you ever knocked on a door and nobody let you in? What did that feel like?

Let one or two tell a quick story. Today's story has someone knocking who actually built the house.

TALK ABOUT IT**2. God sent a man named John to tell everybody, “Get ready — the light is coming!” But John said he was NOT the light. What is the difference between a flashlight and the sun?**

John pointed. Jesus is the light. Pointing is a big job, but it isn't the same job.

3. Our verse says the light shines on everybody. So nobody can say “I never saw it.” Why do you think some people still didn't want Jesus?

Sometimes we don't want a light turned on because we don't want anyone to see the mess.

4. Verse 11 says Jesus came to His own house, and His own people would not let Him in. How would that make you feel?**5. But verse 12 has good news. What happens to everybody who DOES let Jesus in?**

They become God's own child. Not a visitor. Family. And God is the one who does it — they don't make it happen.

DO IT

Knock, knock. Send one child outside the door to knock. Have the rest keep it shut the first time. Then let them throw it open and welcome that child in loudly. Tell them: Jesus knocks. You get to open the door. And when you do, you're not a guest — you live here now.

PRAY TOGETHER

Have them repeat after you: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus, the light. I don't want to leave Him outside. Thank You for making me Your child. Amen.”

Send them home with the Family Take-Home sheet. Next week: Week 3 · The Word Became Flesh · John 1:14–18 · September 27, 2026