

FAMILY TAKE-HOME · KIDS

The Light of the World Rejected

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

WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

God sent a man named John to tell everybody that the light was coming. Then Jesus — the light — came into the world, and He shone on everyone. Most people would not let Him in, even the people who should have known Him best. But everybody who does receive Jesus becomes a child of God. You can't be born into that, and you can't earn it. God gives it.

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

TALK ABOUT IT AT DINNER**1. Has anybody ever shut a door on you or left you out? How did that feel? Verse 11 says that happened to Jesus — at His own house.**

Younger kids: He knows exactly what being left out feels like. He's not far away from that feeling.

2. John the Baptist's whole job was to point at Jesus instead of at himself. Who in your life points you toward Jesus?

Have each person name a real person out loud — then tell that person thank you this week.

3. A present isn't really yours until you take it. What's the difference between knowing about a gift and opening it?**4. Verse 13 says you can't become God's child because of your family, or because somebody else wants it for you, or because you try hard enough. How does it feel to know it doesn't depend on you?**

Older kids: it means you can't earn it — and you can't lose it on a bad day either.

WRITE IT DOWN

One person I know who needs to hear about the light is...

One thing I want to ask God about being His child is...

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Read John 1:6–13 together this week — it only takes two minutes. Every time you finish, have each person answer the same question out loud: “Have I received Him, or do I only know about Him?” Then sit quietly for one minute.

☐ We read John 1:6–13 ☐ We each answered the question ☐ I said the memory verse

PRAY TOGETHER

“Dear God, thank You that the light came for everybody, including us. We don't want to leave Jesus standing outside the door. Thank You that You make us Your children — we could never do that ourselves. Amen.”

Next Sunday: Week 3 · The Word Became Flesh · John 1:14–18 · September 27, 2026 · Daily devotional for parents at thesummit.life