

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 1–2

A Voice in the Wilderness

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 04 · October 4, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: God sent John to get people ready for Jesus. John wasn't Jesus. He pointed to Jesus, and we get to point people to Jesus too.

Memory verse: John 1:23 — “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’”

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

WARM UP

Get them thinking about pointing the way before you open the Bible.

- 1. If a new kid came to our class and didn't know where anything was, how could you help them find the snack table?**

You could point the way! Today we meet a man whose whole job was pointing.

TALK ABOUT IT

- 2. God sent a man named John to tell people Jesus was coming. Why do you think God told people ahead of time?**

So they would be looking for Jesus and know Him when they saw Him.

- 3. Some leaders asked John, “Are you the one God promised?” John said, “No, I’m not.” Why did John want everyone to look at Jesus instead of him?**

Because Jesus is the one who saves. John just pointed to Him.

- 4. John said he wasn't good enough to even untie Jesus' sandals. What does that tell you about how great Jesus is?**

- 5. John said Jesus was standing right there in the crowd, but people didn't know Him. Who is someone you love who doesn't know Jesus yet?**

Don't push for names. Just help each child think of one person.

DO IT

Point the way. Hide a Bible somewhere in the room. Pick one child to be “John.” Only John knows where it is, and John can't talk. He can only point. When the class finds it, tell them: That's what John did for Jesus. That's what we get to do too.

PRAY TOGETHER

Have them repeat after you: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Help me be like John and point my friends to Jesus. Amen.”

Send them home with the Family Take-Home sheet. Next week: Week 5 · Behold the Lamb of God · John 1:29–34 · October 11, 2026