

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 3–5

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 the Baptist to get people ready for Jesus. John wasn't the Savior. He pointed to the Savior, and that's our job too.

Read together: John 1:19–28 (have one student read the leaders' questions and another read John's answers).

Memory verse: John 1:23.

Time: 15–20 minutes. Slow down on verse 26 — that is where the lesson turns toward them.

WARM UP

1. Have you ever waited for someone important to show up, like a grandparent or a special guest at school? How did you know they were coming?

Somebody told you. Today we meet the man God sent to tell everyone Jesus was coming.

WHO ARE YOU?

2. The religious leaders traveled about 20 miles to ask John, “Who are you?” Why did they care so much about a man baptizing people at a river?

The crowds had left the temple to go hear John. The leaders noticed.

3. John answered, “I am not the Christ... I am not... No.” Why was it a good thing for John to say who he was NOT?

JUST A VOICE

4. John called himself “the voice of one crying out in the wilderness.” What does a voice do?

It gets people's attention and points them to something. John's voice pointed to Jesus.

5. John said he wasn't worthy to untie Jesus' sandal strap, a job for the lowest servant. What does that tell you about who Jesus is?

ONE YOU DO NOT KNOW

6. John said, “Among you stands one you do not know.” Jesus was right there in the crowd and people missed Him. How could people be that close to Jesus and still not know Him?

They weren't looking for Him. That's why God sent John.

SO WHAT

7. Pastor said it isn't our job to save anyone. It's our job to point people to Jesus. Who is one person you could point to Jesus this week?

THIS WEEK

Read John 1:19–28 every day. Every time you finish, answer one question: “Who is one person God has put in my life that I can point to Jesus?” Pray for that person by name. Memory verse: John 1:23.

Next week: Week 5 · Behold the Lamb of God · John 1:29–34 · October 11, 2026