

# Firestarter 1

## Scripture: John 1:1-18

Before you read

1. Gather a pen, paper, and highlighters (for marking in your Bible) if you don't want to mark your Bible. Print off this sheet and mark it here.
2. Pray, asking God for wisdom and understanding of the words you are about to read.
3. Read the section more than one time.
  - First, read to understand
  - Second, read to notice
  - Third, read for questions. Record your questions as you read and see if you can answer them. Then Choose 3 questions from the observation section and find answers to them.
  - Fourth, mark all the words that refer to **Jesus**.

### OBSERVATION:

Who do the words "the Word," "light," and "unique One" refer to? (see 1:1 note.)

How do we know who Jesus is?

How does Jesus relate to God?

In what way does Jesus give light to people? (See 1:9 note.)

Why didn't the world recognize the light of Jesus? (See 1:10 note.)

What does it mean "to become children of God", and what must a person do to become "a child of God"? (See 1:12 first and third notes.)

What does it mean to "believe" in Jesus? (See 1:12 second note.)

Why is it essential that “the Word became human”? (See 1:14 note.)

## **APPLICATION:**

John’s Gospel (i.e., his true-life account of the “good news” of Jesus Christ) is unique among the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). It gives deeper insight into the “mystery” of Jesus as God and man. As one of Jesus’ twelve original disciples—His personally chosen followers—and a member of what might be called Jesus’ inner circle (along with Peter and James), John describes events from an eyewitness perspective. Since the early days of the church, John’s writing has served as a solid and authoritative statement about the truth. (See Introduction to John, p. 1441.)

How does knowing that Jesus became human and lived among us change your perspective of Him?

**Action Step:** Sometime between now and bedtime, sit or lay in a dark room for a few minutes. Then turn on a lamp or light and notice the difference. Take time to contemplate how Jesus brought light to a spiritually dark world. Think about how His light exposes sin, reveals the truth, and illuminates the way to God. Ask God to show you how to reflect His light to others better.

Think of a specific person to whom you can be a light in words and actions. Write their name below and pray for them.

## **PRAY:**

As you pray today, worship Jesus as the eternal Word of God. Thank Him for coming to show us what God the Father is like and for revealing undeserved grace and uncompromised truth. Thank Him for allowing you to become a child of God.