



Family Guild for the  
week of January 3.

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## THE BIG IDEA

We can know God through Jesus.

## THE BIBLE

Jesus Comes to the World: John 1:1-18;  
(Ephesians 1:3-14)

*WHAT? What are we talking about today?*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** *PLAY* this week's video or *READ* John 1: 1 - 18

### DISCUSSION

- In John 1:2, who is the "He" John is talking about? (*Jesus*)
- In John 1:14, who is the "Word" that became flesh? (*Jesus*)
- Who was John the Baptist and what was his role? (*He came to tell people about Jesus*)
- Read John 1:10. Why did the "world" not recognize Jesus? (Hint: How did Jesus come to Earth?) (*The world was expecting a King not a baby*)
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is both God and human?
- What is a way to know God?
- What are some ways we can know Jesus better?

### OBJECT LESSON | Timeline Math

In history books, and on social media, we can learn the history of the past. But the more common understanding of a timeline is when someone's life begins and ends. Do you see where you all fit on a timeline!

**Supplies needed:** Paper and writing tool

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *As a family on a piece of paper draw a line, write each family members birthdays on the paper. Add any other special dates that you might want to celebrate (baptisms, anniversaries). Place the dates in order on the timeline you have drawn on the piece of paper. Show where Jesus was born (around 4-6 B.C.) and when Jesus died (A.D. 30-33). Show the kids how it happened before all of us were born.*



- The horizontal line is a human timeline. There is a beginning and an end.
- Even though Jesus was born on a specific timeline here on Earth, Jesus' actual timeline starts long before his birth because he was always in heaven with God!
- Even though Jesus was human and came to Earth at a specific time in human history, Jesus existed before the creation of the world! We would have to go back before the world was created!

**ALTERNATIVE:** Have each family member line up in the order they were born. That really is a human timeline.

### **RESPONSE** | Chat with Jesus and read Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

- Do you want to know Jesus for yourself? One way to find out more about Jesus is to talk with Jesus!
- What is something we know about Jesus?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- If you could ask God any question, what would you ask?

Take some time to pray and talk with God.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *As a family, find a notebook or a special journal to write your prayers. For non-readers, have them draw pictures of their prayers.*

### **MEMORY VERSE** | Whisper Challenge John 14: 6

We are going to try to guess the words of the memory verse by playing Whisper Challenge!

**Supplies needed:** Index cards, pencil or marker, headphones, music

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Write each of the words to this week's memory verse on separate index cards or scrapes of paper. Shuffle the cards. Give one family member a pair of headphones with music playing so they cannot hear. Have another family member pick one of the cards and say it to the family member wearing the headphones. Celebrate as a family when words are guessed correctly. Keep playing until all the memory verse words are played.*

### **PRAYER**

Dear God, we praise You because You have always been with us, from the beginning of creation to now. And how awesome is it that You want to be close to us! Thank You for giving us a way to get to know You through Jesus. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

Trace the sign of the cross on each family members forehead. While doing that say, "You know God and God wants a relationship with you."