

[Vv. 1–3—*The Word coexisted with God. They are one and the same.*]

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[Vv. 4–5—*The Word gave life. Life gave light.*]

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. **9** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

[Vv. 9–12—*The purpose of the Word was to bring the light of salvation to the world.*]

13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

[V. 13—*You can't inherit salvation from a good family; from heritage as a member of a religion or group; nor from doing good works.*]

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

[V. 14—*The Word was God from the beginning of time. God became a person and lived among people. People saw God's glory through Jesus.*]

What I Have Learned

Answer the following questions:

1. When did the Word first appear with God? _____

2. What did the Word create? _____

3. What does the Light do? _____

4. Who was sent by God to witness for the Light? _____

5. What did the Word become? _____

Keep In Mind

"He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind"
(John 1:2–4, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

Talk with another Junior. Based on today's Scripture, what would you tell these friends? Circle the statement for salvation.

1. Jessie bragged, "Sure, I'm a Christian. My great-grandpa helped build this church."
2. Mary said, "My friend said only people who were members of her church group would go to heaven. Is this true?"
3. Michael said, "I read my Bible each day and pray before every meal. I'm better than most of the kids in my school. God sees everything I do. I'll keep doing this all my life, and I'll go to heaven."
4. Eva said, "The Bible says to believe in Jesus Christ. I asked Jesus to be the Lord of my life. I'm not perfect, but I believe salvation is a gift from God. I try do the right things because I want to please Him."

If you have not asked Jesus to be your Savior, you can pray and ask Him now to be your Lord. Tell a teacher about your decision to become a Christian.

Doing My Part

The Holy Spirit lives inside you if you believe in Jesus Christ and asked Him to be your Lord. This week, watch what you think, say, do, and don't do. Consider how you relate to people. You don't "act good" to win salvation. Your actions reflect what God has already done in your heart. Make a conscious effort to let the light of Christ shine through your thoughts, words, and actions this week.