



Mrs. Smith was reading a story to her class, but many children at their desks weren't paying attention.

She paused and then said, "Boys and girls, let's sit on the rug in a big circle." Slowly, the children got up from their desks and sat down in a circle. Then, to everyone's surprise, Mrs. Smith herself sat down in the circle and continued reading the story. The children all smiled.

"You're down here where we are!" said one girl. All the children began listening closely.

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"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3, NIV).

In the Beginning



Before anything else existed, Jesus Christ-who is also called "the Word"-was with God in Heaven. Since Jesus is God Himself, everything was created by Him, and eternal life can only be found in Him. This message of life through Jesus is like a light that helps people see God's truth in a very dark world. God sent John the Baptist to prepare the world for Jesus' coming. Jesus left Heaven and came to earth to

live as a man with earth's people. He told them how to have eternal life by receiving Him and being born again. Many people didn't realize Jesus was God and didn't listen to Him, even though He had made the world. But those people who did believe in Jesus became God's children. John the disciple wrote about this and witnessed that Jesus Christ came.

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Bright Message

John the disciple was a witness to Jesus coming to earth. Use the pictures to fill in the letters of the missing words to reveal John's message about Jesus.





"We have seen ... the glory of the one and only Son" (from John 1:14, NIV).



One of Us

In the story, Mrs. Smith sat among her students as if she were one of them. Color the boxes below as labeled. Look at the words in the boxes you colored red. Write the words on the lines to see a special message.



