

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

John 1:1-18



Key Verse:

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

John 1:14

The Point:

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Making Connections:

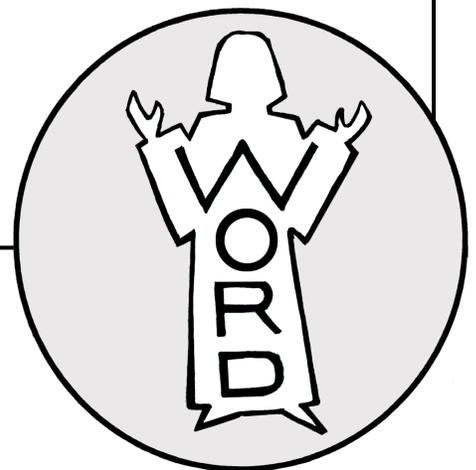
God's Presence Brings Life

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

New Testament Divisions

Spiritual Practice:

Fellowship



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

The final lesson of this unit tells the story of God's presence physically bringing life to the world. We have witnessed God's presence active in the fiery furnace, the valley of dry bones, and Isaiah's promise of a coming Messiah. Today that promise is fulfilled here on earth.

Story Summary:

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning of the Gospel of John, we see a different version of the Christmas story. This version brings God coming to earth in the flesh into a larger scope, even referring back to the creation account in Genesis. Far from a humble baby in a manger, in this telling we see Jesus as one with God, connected from the very beginning of time. In Jesus, God not only comes into the world but has always been in relationship with the world.

The Point

In the Word, God becomes human and lives among us, bringing life. The Gospel of John begins with a poetic hymn that sets the stage for the story of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. As the divine Word, Jesus is intimately connected with God and active in the creation of the world. Light, life, and salvation for humanity are the result of this presence.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

New Testament Divisions

Like the Old Testament, the books of the New Testament can be divided into sections based on their genre or type. The New Testament contains 27 books that can be grouped into four categories. The first group is the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. After John is the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, chronicling the early history of the church. Next are the Epistles, or letters. This section includes the books from Romans through Jude, and contains letters from church leaders to the young churches. Finally, the Book of Revelation contains apocalyptic writing revealing God's ultimate triumph over evil.

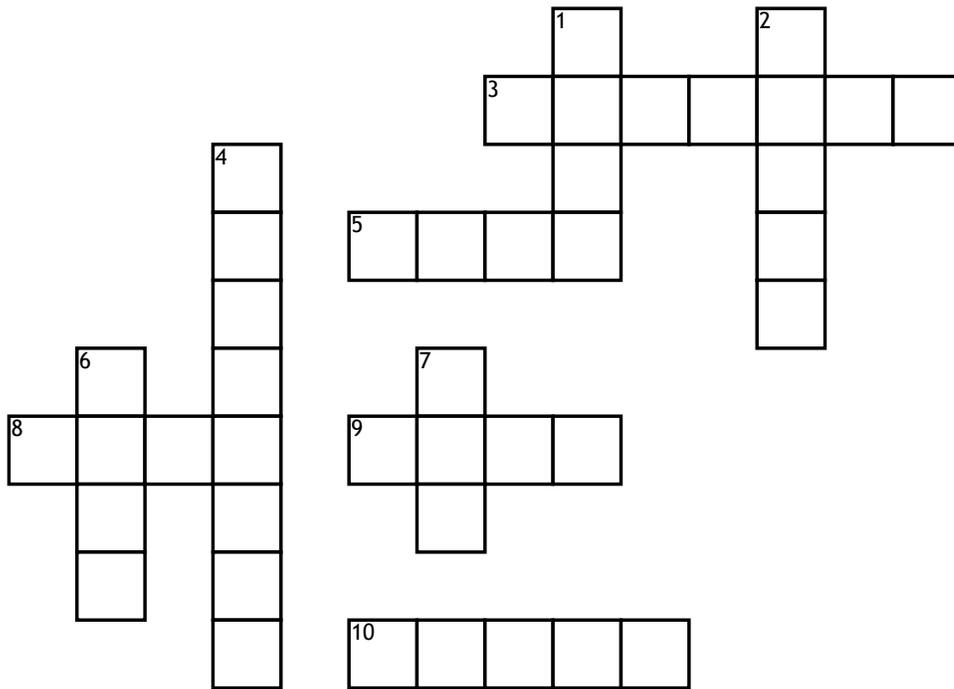
Spiritual Practice: Fellowship

Christmas is a wonderful time to focus on the spiritual practice of fellowship. Christians around the world come together in churches to celebrate the birth of Christ. Families join together to share a meal and enjoy time together. People care for friend and stranger, sharing the joy of this season. This is a time to learn habits of fellowship and work to carry them throughout the year.

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John 1:1-10



Across

3. What did he comet bear?
5. What kind of light was Jesus?
8. Who was sent from god?
9. What was in the beginning?
10. Who were all things made through?

Down

1. What was in HIM?
2. Who did the world not know?
4. Where does the light shine?
6. Who was with God?
7. The word was?

Word Bank

life

Jesus

Word

God

Jesus

True

John

Word

darkness

witness

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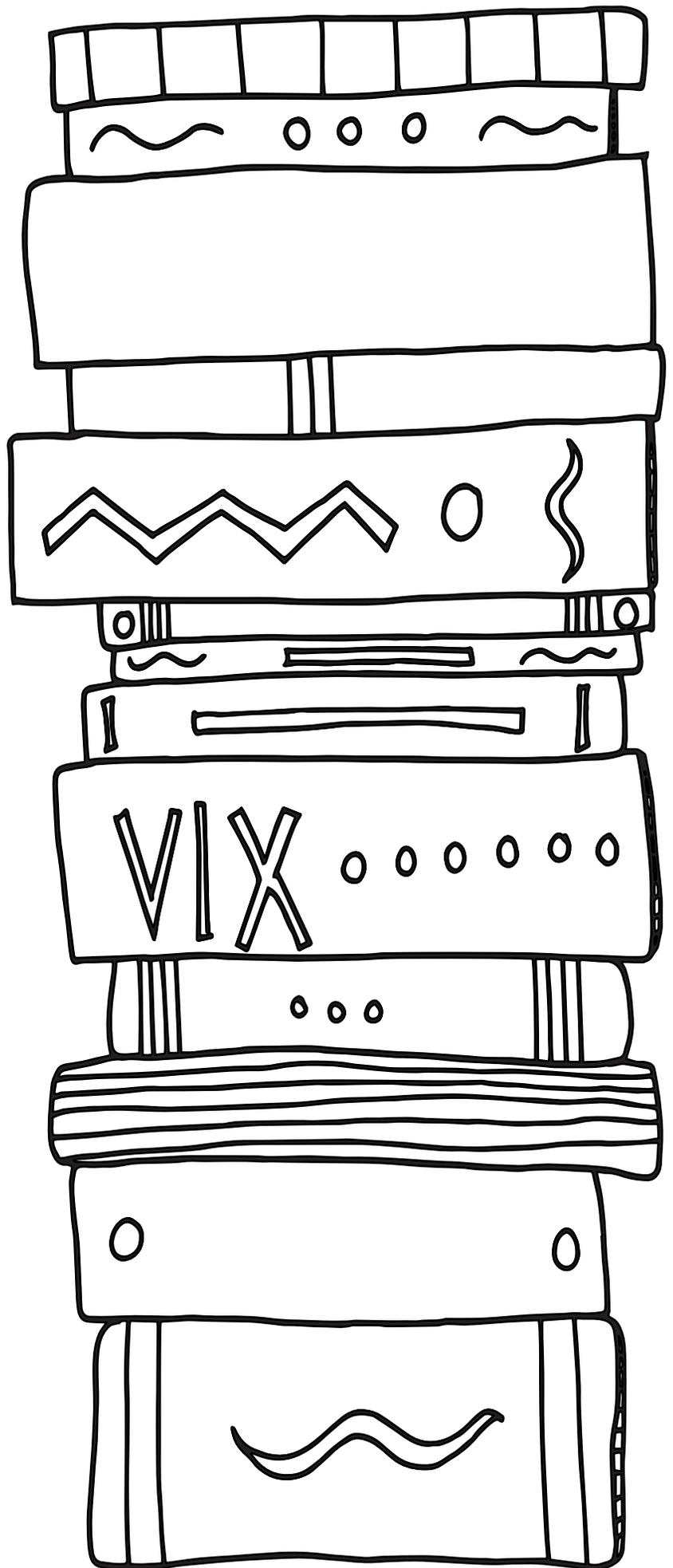
John 1:1-13

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testify receive natural believe world
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John 1:1



Family Discussions

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Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God’s message to us? How should we respond?

Week 1 (Intended for 12/21/2025 through 12/27/2025):

Sunday—Read John 1:1-18

The Word became flesh. Gather and light some candles. Talk about what can be like darkness in your lives. What does it mean that Jesus is the Light?

Monday—Read Luke 1:5-25

The birth of John the Baptist is foretold. Talk about a time when you were waiting for someone to be born or someone to come for a visit. What feelings did you have? What did you do to prepare?

Tuesday—Read Luke 1:57-66

John the Baptist is born. Using dolls, stuffed animals, or figurines, retell the story of John being born.

Wednesday—Read Luke 1:67-80

The song of John’s father, Zechariah. Roll up a piece of paper like a megaphone. Pretend you are John the Baptist, going ahead of Jesus and calling to prepare the way.

Thursday—Read Luke 2:1-20

The Savior brings life to all. Merry Christmas! As you celebrate the holiday together, pray a special prayer together around your tree if you have one.

Friday—Read Luke 2:21-38

Jesus is dedicated and named. Talk about the history behind your name.

Saturday—Read Luke 2:41-52

Jesus as a boy in the temple. As a child, what is or was your favorite thing about going to church?

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Week 2 (Intended for 12/28/2025 through 1/3/2026):

Sunday—Read John 1:19-34

Preparing the way for the Messiah. Compare this story of John the Baptist with those in Matthew 3 and Mark 1. How are they the same? How are they different?

Monday—Read 2 Kings 1:7-8

Elijah parts the waters of the Jordan. Fill a sink with water. Try to part the water. Thank God for miracles.

Tuesday—Read Malachi 4:5-6

God will send Elijah. If you were a prophet, what would your message be? Stand and deliver it.

Wednesday—Read Luke 3:1-18

John the Baptist preaches. How does this version of John the Baptist compare with the ones you read on Sunday?

Thursday—Read Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus is baptized. Imagine this scene. What would you have thought was happening if you had seen the dove and heard a voice from the clouds?

Friday—Read Matthew 4:1-11

The temptation in the wilderness. What tempts you to stray from your faith? Pray for strength to withstand temptation.

Saturday—Read Matthew 4:12-17

Jesus begins his ministry. Take out a paper or electronic map. Choose a spot and pray for the people there.

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