



**BIBLE READING FOR  
REASONING LESSON PLANS**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

~ PSALM 119:105 ~

# John 2

**Time:** 45 minutes

**Student Reading:** John 1:1-10 (NIV)

**Review:** Overview of John; Belief in

Jesus Christ brings eternal life.

**Principle:** Jesus Christ is the living and eternal Word of God.

## TEACHER

### **Vocabulary:**

**beginning** (n.) The first cause, the origin, source; fountainhead or wellspring.

**co-eternal** (adj.) Eternally together as One.

**comprehend** (v.) The Greek word here signifies the inability for the darkness to overtake, possess, understand or perceive the light.

**darkness** (n.) Symbolic of spiritual and moral depravity, sin and the moral condition of fallen man.

**incarnate** (adj.) Invested or clothed with flesh.

**in the beginning.** The beginning of time when God laid the foundation for the earth. The Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), who lives in Eternity, existed before He created time and the universe.

**light** (n.) 1) Refers to Jesus Christ, the true light of the world. 2) In the book of John, “light” refers to the revelation which reveals the “life” that is in Christ. He is the fountainhead of all knowledge and wisdom.

**shine** (v.) To emit rays of light.

**the Word** (n.) [Gk. *logos*, word, thought, concept and the expressions thereof.] 1) One of the names of Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity. 2) The Word is the Divine expression of God and the Witness of His nature. 3) God’s active agency in making the world and all therein. (Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was (Gen 1:3).

### **Preparation and Lesson Background:**

1. Read and reflect upon the assigned readings, including “In the Beginning” on the next page. Be certain to understand them in the context of the entire chapter.
2. Study the teacher vocabulary words, principle and background information. There are priceless, spiritual truths written in this Prologue to John. Prayerfully reflect upon them in order to receive what the Holy Spirit desires to reveal to you about the Word. Consider how Jesus Christ is the Word of God, the second Person of the Godhead. Ponder the intimate communion that He shared with His Father and the Holy Spirit in eternity past before time began. Consider the profound and divine thoughts and eternal plans that they shared.

## STUDENT

### **Key Word:**

**the Word** (n.) Jesus Christ, the Divine expression of God who became flesh.

### **Read the Bible Passage:**

Read the Bible passage silently and orally as assigned by the teacher.

### **Reason Questions:**

1. Who existed before the beginning of time? How do you know this?
2. Using today’s key word definition, explain who the Word is.
3. Is the Bible also the Word of God? What does this tell you about Jesus Christ, the Word?
4. As you read the Gospel of John, what does John share that you will learn?

### **Notebook Record:**

Record the following on your Portrait of Jesus Christ graphic organizer:

1. He is the Living Word of God. (1:1)
2. He is the co-eternal God. (1:1)
3. He pre-existed before time and the creation of the world. (1:2)

### **Memory Verse:**

But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life through His name. (John 20:31)

Meditate on their great love and compassion for you and each child in your class as they laid out the Plan of Redemption before the foundation of the world . . . and worship the Lord.

**Principle:** Jesus Christ is the living and eternal Word of God.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being (John 1:1-3)*

*Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God (Psalm 90:2).*

*Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I, even I, am the Lord; and there is no savior besides Me. . . . I am God. Even from eternity I am He . . . (Isaiah 43:10b,11, 13).*

*And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God (Rev 19:13).*

John is the only writer in the Bible that refers to Christ as “the Word.” (John 1:1, 14; 1 John 1:1, 2; Revelation 19:13) He explains why He called Him “the Word” at the end of the Prologue: *Jesus, as the only begotten Son and eternal Wisdom, explained who God is to man. (1:18)*

In the book of John, “light” refers to the revelation which reveals the life that is in Christ and which brings judgment to those who refuse it. (cf. John 3:19) In the Old Testament, when Moses spoke with God on Mt. Sinai, his face shone so brightly with God’s glory that he had to wear a veil over it when he spoke with the Israelites. (Ex 33:29-35) Paul writes in 2 Cor 3:14 that, *“Their minds [the minds of the Israelites] were hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. But to this day whenever Moses is read [The Law], a veil lies over their heart, but whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”* Thus, Jesus Christ, the light of the world, brings the revelation of salvation and eternal life to those who turn to Him. Because there is a veil over the eyes of the hard hearts of unbelievers, they are unable “to see” that Jesus is the Word, the Light, the Way of salvation.

The “John” in verse 8 refers to John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus.

Also, remember that children are capable of comprehending deep spiritual truths. They may not be able to express with words what they understand, but their spirits are capable of receiving great truths about God and of knowing His ways. Do not judge their capabilities based upon what you think or comprehend. God is Spirit, and He created man in His image. Man is also spirit, and the eternal spirits of young children hunger and thirst for spiritual food and water, just as adults.

## **In the Beginning . . .**

John did not begin his Gospel with the facts concerning the lineage of Jesus’ family, His birth in Bethlehem or His early life like Matthew and Luke. Instead, he sets forth Jesus’ relationship with His Heavenly Father from Eternity’s view:

**John 1:1-5, 14:** *In the beginning [of time; the creation of the world] was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. . . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

It reads much like the opening verses of Genesis, the “Book of Beginnings”:

**Genesis 1:1-5:** *In the beginning [of time] God created the heavens and the earth [the universe]. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. And called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*

Both books begin with the Self-Existent God, the “I AM WHO I AM” (Ex 3:13, 14) – the first cause, the origin, the wellspring, the One who existed before all created things.

*. . . My servant whom I have chosen, [Jesus] in order that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He, before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. I, even I, am the Lord; and there is no savior besides Me . . . I am God. From eternity I am He . . . I act and who can reverse it? (Is 43:10-13)*

This is an eternal portrait of the Living and Eternal Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), the Creator and Ruler.

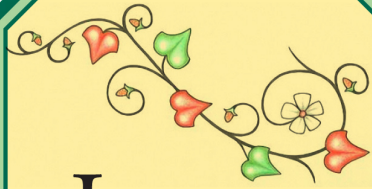
3. Gather resources: Student Vocabulary Card and Portrait of Jesus Christ graphic organizers.



### **Teaching Plan:**

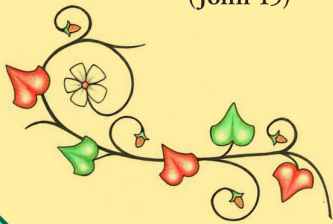
1. Pray: *Dear Heavenly Father, open our eyes that we may behold the priceless truths in your Word. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will unveil Jesus Christ in all His glory to us, and that we may have life in Him and have it more abundantly. Amen.*
2. Distribute student binders.
3. Review the purpose for which John wrote his Gospel and the principle that when we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, we have eternal life through His name.
4. Pin the Student Vocabulary Card on the Treasure Chest bulletin board and define the word for the children.
5. Teach the principle and remind them to look for this principle in their silent reading. Make sure you connect the vocabulary word to the principle.
6. Assign the Bible Reading to the children. Have them read silently and then orally.
7. Ask the Reason Questions and have children respond orally.
8. Distribute the Portrait of Jesus graphic organizers. Write the notes on the chalkboard and have the children copy them onto the Portrait of Jesus Christ graphic organizers.
9. Have the children repeat their Memory Verse. Encourage them to practice throughout the week.
10. Conclude with a short prayer and blessing for the children.





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You are the branches.  
If you remain in Me  
and I in you, you will  
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