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## Level 4—Parent Notes

- ⇒ **Daily Journal:** Depending on the age, ability, or parent preference, the student may do the journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions from the *Daily Reading Questions*.
- ⇒ **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and recite the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- ⇒ **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the *Thinking It Through* questions and then have the student write out the answers. The student can also complete the *Further Understanding* activity if not completed during the Sunday Club time..
- ⇒ **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- ⇒ **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deeds and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* NIV



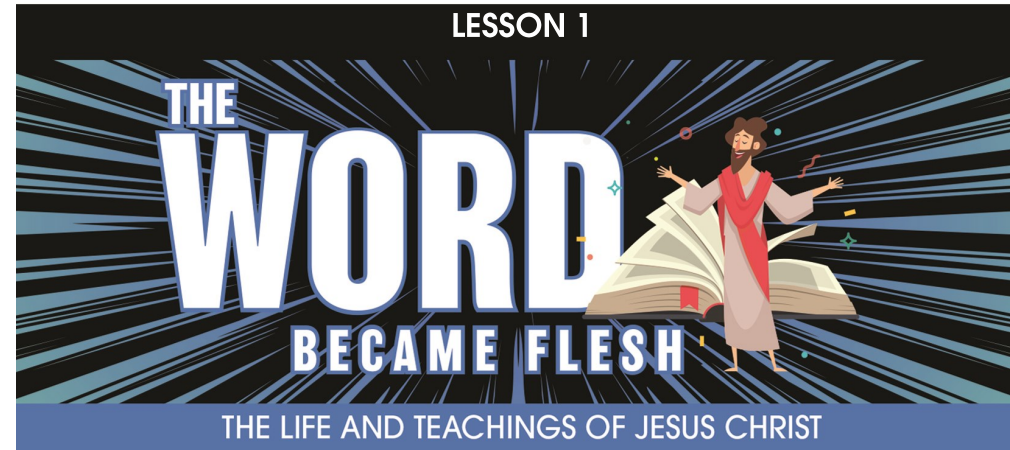
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## UPPER ELEMENTARY & ABOVE LEVEL 4 WORK BOOKLET



### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

## Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Word of God who came to live among us and reveal God's glory.

### MEMORY VERSE

## John 1:14 NIV

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

# Lesson Notes

## Lesson Passage: Scripture

Theme:

Point 1:

Point 2:

Point 3:

Why do you need to know this?

## Memory Verse: John 1:14

Fill in the missing words in the memory verse. Look up the verse in the Bible if you can't remember the missing words.

The \_\_\_\_\_ became \_\_\_\_\_ and made his  
\_\_\_\_\_ among us. We have seen his \_\_\_\_\_, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Only, who came  
from the \_\_\_\_\_, full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Daily Reading Questions 1

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

Journal Focus: How do we know we can trust the stories about Jesus?

Reading 1: 2 Peter 1:12-21 The disciples were eyewitnesses.

Why did Peter want to refresh the memory of those he was writing to? (14-15) How did Peter know he was not following a cleverly invented story? (16-18) How was the word of the prophets made more certain? (16-18) What are ways people try to discredit the truth of Jesus' coming? Why do people want to discredit Jesus? How is the celebration of Christmas being used for purposes other than honoring God?

Reading 2: John 20:19-31 Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples.

Why were the disciples certain it was Jesus who appeared to them? Why did Thomas doubt what they said? What did Jesus say to Thomas? What does that mean for you? Why did John write down the things he said? Why do you think this account of Jesus is trustworthy?

Reading 3: 2 Timothy 1:1-12 We know who is trustworthy.

How did Timothy's faith develop? What was Paul encouraging Timothy to do? What was happening to Paul because of sharing the Gospel? Why did Paul keep on sharing? Why do you think Paul is a trustworthy witness of the truth?

Reading 4: 1 John 1:1-4 John heard and saw the things he wrote about.

How did John know the things he is telling others? (1-3) Why is John writing these things down? (3-4) Do you believe you can trust the things John wrote down? Why? What will believing the things he wrote do for you?

Reading 5: Hebrews 2:1-4 God testifies to who Jesus is.

What makes us certain of Jesus and the way of salvation?

Reading 6: Matthew 7:15-23 We can recognize the fruit.

How does one recognize whether a prophet is from God or not? What will the Lord say to those who are not from him?

## Further Understanding—Who is Jesus?

Many people will say that Jesus is a good teacher but not God. Jesus said in Matthew 19:17 that "There is only One who is good." According to Jesus only God is good. Jesus made claims about himself to be God. He can't be a good teacher. He can only be one of three things

He could be \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior which is what he claimed to be.

He could be a \_\_\_\_\_ man because he claimed to be God and isn't.

He could be completely \_\_\_\_\_ because he claimed to be God and isn't.

Look up the verses to see what Jesus had to say about himself and determine what he truly is.

John 6:38-40 John 14:6 John 17:1-5 John 18:36-37



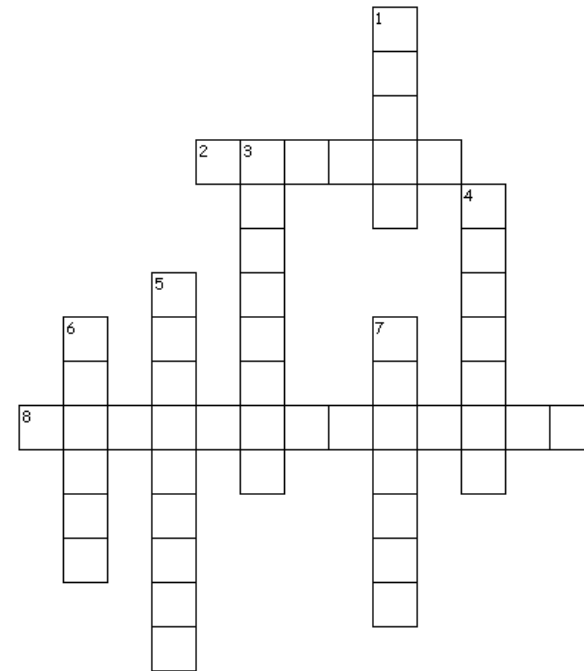
## Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

## Crossword Puzzle

Fill in the puzzle with the prophecies about the Messiah.



### Across

2. The woman who would give birth to a son.
8. The manner in which the Messiah will reign.

### Down

1. The line from which the Messiah would come.
3. A name for the Messiah.
4. A person who foretells the future.
5. The town of the Messiah's birth
6. The prophet who would prepare the way.
7. The one who was to fulfill the prophecies.



# DAILY JOURNAL 1— How do we know we can trust the stories about Jesus?

## Day 1—2 Peter 1:12-21

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

## Day 2—John 20:19-31

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

## Day 3— 2 Timothy 1:1-12

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

## Day 4—1 John 1:1-4

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

## Day 5—Hebrews 2:1-4

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

## Day 6—Matthew 7:15-23

What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?