

# SPARK SUNDAY SCHOOL

ACTIVATE FAITH

## UPPER ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



### Jesus is The Word

Lesson Focus: **Jesus is the Word of grace and truth.**

Scripture Reference: **John 1:1-18**

Spark Story Bible Pg. 240

## GATHER

**Check In** with your High & Low for today/this week.

**Check-In Question:** What signs of Jesus' love did you see this Christmas?

God has always told the truth, but people haven't always believed what God has said and tried to teach us. So God sent us Jesus in human form to tell us the truth to see if we would believe Jesus instead. That's what we're going to learn about in today's lesson.

**Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you for your grace. Thank you for your truth. Thank you for sending Jesus into the world for us. Thank you for the glory of your son, Jesus. Amen.

## STORY

Look up **John 1:1-18** in the **NRSV** and listen along on our website. Or turn to **page 240** in the **Spark Story Bible**.

### Questions to Ponder:

- **Who are we talking about here in the Bible story?**
- The writer of these verses didn't use Jesus' name very often.
- Read it again and see if it makes sense to say *Jesus* when we come to "he, him, and his."
- **Did putting Jesus' name in make more sense?**
- Today's text gives us an important message: God truly wants to communicate with us.

## RESPOND

**Supplies Needed:** Paper for painting, Water Color Paint, Brush, Water Cup, White Crayon

Try the resist painting technique. With white crayon or oil pastel write the words grace and truth on a piece of watercolor paper. Make thick, colored-in letters.

Then paint over the words with watercolors. Let this resist painting remind you how Jesus reveals grace and truth to us.

## The Jordan River



# MEMORY VERSE

Look up **John 1:14**. This is our Memory Verse for today.

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And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## SEND

### Responding to God's Word

*These are ways God uses us to come back for others!  
Sometimes the best way to come back is to go out!*

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to:

- \_\_\_ John 1:14 tells us that the "Word became flesh and dwelled among us." Create reminders of this verse for your family's dwelling by marking a cross on sticky notes and placing them around your home. What does it mean to your family to know that you have Jesus "dwelling among you" at all times?
- \_\_\_ Using molding clay, create a head of Jesus speaking to us.
- \_\_\_ Listen to and collect songs about Jesus' life on earth.
- \_\_\_ Bless you with water
- \_\_\_ Hear about your baptism
- \_\_\_ Interview friends and family to find out what their favorite word is- think about your fav. word too
- \_\_\_ Write out the Memory Verse & doodle around it in your Faith Formation Journal
- \_\_\_ Write out the Memory Verse and place it somewhere you will see it often
- \_\_\_ Give you a big hug!
- \_\_\_ Invite you to worship with you (outside or online) or invite them to Sunday School with you
- \_\_\_ Pray for \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Say "I'm sorry" \_\_\_\_\_ My own idea: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAY

**Dear God, God, you brought us your *Word* in the person of Jesus.**

**We especially remember this gift at Christmas, but we are always filled with thanks.**

**Amen.**