

John 1:1-5,14; 5:31-47

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

John 1:4

MEMORY VERSE

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. John 1:4

Read John 1:1-5,14 and 5:31-47.

Your teenage children are bombarded daily by false teachings about the person and purpose of Jesus Christ. They must decide for themselves what to do with the evidence—whether to trust Christ or reject Him.

Jesus not only created life but also gives life to those who trust and accept Him. This type of life is more than mere existence; it refers to spiritual life—knowing God and experiencing His power to transform your heart.

John wrote that Jesus brought light to humanity. Jesus Christ is the revelation of who God is and how God

wants people to relate to Him. Throughout history people have sought enlightenment to improve their quality of life. Some have found it through faith in Jesus Christ, while others have refused to believe in the One who shines in the darkness.

Are your teens grounded in the knowledge of who Jesus is? Are they being transformed by their relationships with Him?

Parents may be the best prevention for keeping children from harm. But communication is the key. Use meal times and other opportunities to talk to your teens about your relationship with Jesus.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

Connect . . .

Read the following out loud: Dan Brown made quite a stir with his book, *The DaVinci Code*. It spawned several translations, a blockbuster movie, numerous Web sites, and sermons all over the world targeted at “breaking” the code. The message is anti-Christian, attacking the divinity of Christ. Though the book is a work of fiction, thousands of Christians have read it, researched “the code” on the Internet, and seen the movie. Some desire entertainment; some desire to better understand the Christ of history.

Discuss: Is it wrong to read books and see movies that discredit the gospel?

Explore . . .

Read John 1:1-5, and 14. **Say:** Jesus was with the Father in the beginning. Literally, He was and is God. All things were made through Him.

Read John 5:31-47. **Say:** John the Baptist, God the Father, the Holy Scriptures, and Moses all served as testimonies of Jesus’ identity. Each of these reinforced the fact that Jesus was who He said He was.

Say: Most teenagers have a positive regard for Jesus. However, many fail to understand that Jesus is the only Son of God, totally God and totally human. He is the central figure of history.

Transform . . .

Discuss: How does the fact that Jesus is the Son of God change your everyday life?

Pray together that God will give you the joy to live everyday—at home and away—in the knowledge that Jesus is the Messiah, who came to save you from your sin and give you eternal life.