



Dear Student,

Welcome to the first *Just for Students* newsletter! We plan to send this newsletter to you four times a year. *Just for Students* will keep you updated about new courses, offer tips on connecting with your Crossroads mentors and provide encouragement as you study the Word of God. In future newsletters, we may ask you to share a devotional to encourage your fellow students across the country.

Going Deeper into God's Word

Chapter 1 of the Gospel of John is the first section of the Bible many people read when they are learning about the Christian faith. Maybe it was the first part you read too! New Christians are encouraged to read John because it provides one of the best introductions to who Jesus is.

The Gospel of John is so important to our faith because it clearly states that Jesus is God. Over the centuries, Jesus has been described as a good teacher, a wise man and a prophet. While He was all those things, the most important truth is that Jesus was—and still is—fully God.

John wrote that Jesus was with God in the beginning and that all things in heaven and on earth were created through Jesus. As Christians, we are not simply following someone with good ideas about how to live. We are invited to have a relationship with the Creator of the universe. John also wrote that in Him (Jesus) was life, and that life is the light of all humankind. That includes you and me! That is good news.

The word Gospel comes from the Greek word **euangelion**, which means “good news.” What better news could there be than the news that, through Jesus, God has made a way for us to know Him and enjoy eternity with Him?

Crossroads is releasing a new course called *Who Is Jesus?* that will further explore these truths. You can find more information about the course on the back page of this newsletter.

Crossword Puzzle: John 1

Use the clues below to fill in the words.

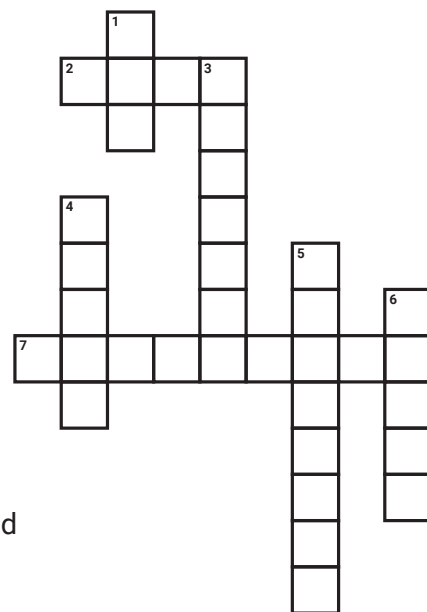
- Words can go across or down.
- Letters are shared where two words cross each other.

ACROSS

2. A man sent from God
7. The world did not _____ Him

DOWN

1. The Word was with God, and the Word was _____
3. Without Him _____ was made
4. The law was given through this man
5. To those who received Jesus, He gave the right to become _____ of God
6. He is the Word



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Making the Most of the Mentorship Program

Whether you are a new student or you've been studying with us for a while, we are so glad that you're part of the mentorship program! If you're just starting, here are a few things to know about the program:

- Volunteer mentors look over your lessons and offer encouragement and guidance to help you grow in your faith.
- Tier 1 students have a different mentor for each of the lessons they complete. Tier 1 mentors do not continue to write to a student outside of the one lesson they review.
- In Tiers 2 and 3, a student is matched with a one-on-one mentor who reviews every lesson the student completes. Students benefit from developing a friendship with a mentor who will get to know them, pray for them and walk with them on their faith journey.
- If you are a Tier 1 student, make it your goal to stay with your Crossroads studies into Tiers 2 and 3 so you can connect with a one-on-one mentor.

New Tier 1 Courses

We are excited about our two newest Tier 1 courses. These courses will directly follow the course *Who Are You?* If you have already started or completed the Tier 1 course *Great Truths of the Bible*, you will not take either of these new courses.

Who Is Jesus?

For someone who is exploring Christianity or just starting to learn about their faith, nothing is more important than knowing Jesus. *Who Is Jesus?*, based on the book of Luke, is a study of the life of Jesus and what His life on earth means for us today.

What Is the Bible?

The Bible is not just a book of wise words; it contains God's own words, given to His people. Although it is made of many books, it tells one story. *What Is the Bible?* provides a foundation for reading and studying the Bible.

