**Learn on Your Own**

**Day 1: Seeing Is Believing!**

Review the video for this session.

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**Engage**

Read [John 20:24–29](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn20.24-29).

**Consider**

People often refer to Thomas as “Doubting Thomas” because of this passage of Scripture. Thomas wasn’t with the rest of the disciples when Jesus first appeared to them after His resurrection, so Thomas was hesitant to believe. Jesus wasn’t afraid of Thomas’s questions, though. He invited Thomas to experience the evidence that proved He really is God.

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| **QUESTION**  Thomas said that he wouldn’t believe unless he was able to do what? |

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| **QUESTION**  How did Thomas respond when Jesus invited him to touch His wounds? |

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| **QUESTION**  Is there anything that makes you question whether Jesus is alive today? If so, what is it? |

**Reflect**

Notice how Jesus responded to Thomas’s questions. Instead of pushing him away and correcting him, Jesus invited him to be close and revealed himself to Thomas in a powerful way.

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| **QUESTION**  What does this story teach you about how Jesus responds when you have questions about Him? |

**Activate**

Take a moment and ask God to reveal himself to you throughout your week, just like Jesus revealed himself to Thomas and the disciples after His resurrection. Every morning this week, before getting out of bed, ask Him to help you notice His presence with you throughout your day.

**Pray**

Patient God, thank You that You’re big enough to handle my questions. Thank You for revealing yourself to me. This week, please help me to notice that You’re with me. Help me to trust You every single day. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 2: Up Close and Personal**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 1:18–25](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt1.18-25).

**Consider**

Jesus was born of a mother like most babies. But the cause for His mother’s pregnancy was far from normal. Hundreds of years earlier, the prophet Isaiah prophesied specific details about how Jesus was more than just a human. Matthew shares these details as he tells the story of Jesus’ birth.

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| **QUESTION**  Why did Joseph plan to break off his engagement to Mary? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does the name Immanuel mean? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  In Jesus’ time on earth, He experienced pain, struggle, and temptation like we do. How does that affect your relationship with Him? |

**Activate**

Write out “God is with us” on a sticky note or a notecard, and place it in a visible spot. Every time you see it, take a moment to thank God that He is a close and personal God.

**Pray**

Personal God, help me to always remember that You are with me no matter what I face. When I feel alone or overwhelmed, remind me that You are God and want to have a close relationship with me. Amen.

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**Day 3: Word!**

**Engage**

Read [John 1:1–4](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn1.1-4), [14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn1.14).

**Consider**

John wrote “the Word” four times in the first four verses of his book. Later in the chapter, it becomes clear that “the Word” John was writing about is Jesus. He is God’s message to us.

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| **QUESTION**  What three things does John say about Jesus (or “the Word”) in verse [1](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn1.1)? |

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| **QUESTION**  What characteristics of Jesus do you see in verse [14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn1.14)? |

**Reflect**

Notice how verse [14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn1.14) talks about Jesus as a human and as the Son of God the Father. Because He was human, Jesus has experienced the kinds of things we face. Because He’s God, Jesus is powerful enough for us to trust Him no matter what.

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| **QUESTION**  How does knowing that Jesus was fully human and is fully God build your confidence and trust in Him? |

**Activate**

Verse [14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn1.14) reminds us that Jesus was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. Make a list of how you have seen God’s unfailing love and faithfulness in your own life. Share the list with someone close to you as an encouragement to them.

**Pray**

Eternal God, thank You for teaching me what You’re like through Your Word. Help me to be more aware of Your unfailing love and faithfulness, and to share that with others around me. I ask that those who follow You would also be more aware of Your great love. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 4: Follow the Leader**

**Engage**

Read [1 Peter 2:21–25](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe2.21-25).

**Consider**

As the name suggests, [1 Peter](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe) was written by Jesus’ disciple Peter. He was writing a letter to encourage Christians who were suffering intense persecution for their faith. In today’s passage, Peter used Jesus as the example that Christians should follow.

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| **QUESTION**  What has God called us to do, even if it means suffering? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [24](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe2.24), why did Jesus carry our sins on the Cross? |

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| **QUESTION**  What two titles does Peter give to Jesus in verse [25](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe2.25)? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  How can we follow Jesus’ example when we suffer? |

**Activate**

Memorize [1 Peter 2:24](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Pe2.24). Take opportunities this week to pray for those who are sick and share this verse with them.

**Pray**

Perfect Father, thank You for giving me an example to follow in the way that I live. Whenever I go through suffering, help me to stay faithful to You through it all. Amen.

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**Day 5: Jesus Is Our Shepherd**

**Engage**

Read [John 10:22–33](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn10.22-33).

**Consider**

In this passage, the crowd is trying to understand if Jesus is the Messiah or not. *Messiah* means “the anointed one.” This was a special person sent by God and set apart for a special purpose. The Messiah these people were looking for was a Savior. They knew that a Savior would come, but they weren’t sure if it was Jesus or not.

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus say is the proof that He is the Messiah they are looking for? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [33](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn10.33), why are the crowds so angry with Jesus? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus say about His sheep (His followers) in verses [27–28](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn10.27-28)? |

**Reflect**

Jesus referred to His followers as sheep. Jesus as a Shepherd to His people is a common theme throughout the Gospels. He also made it clear that His sheep listen to His voice.

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| **QUESTION**  Would you say you spend time listening to the voice of Jesus? If not, what holds you back? |

**Activate**

One of the primary ways that we can hear God’s voice is to read His Word together. Invite a Christian friend to join your journey of listening to God’s voice by doing these personal devotions together.

**Pray**

Good Shepherd, I believe that You are who You say You are. Help me to listen to Your voice as I read Your Word daily. Help Your followers to hear Your voice as well and follow You in greater ways. Amen.