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LESSON 1: Can We Believe that God Exists

ANCHOR STATEMENT: I believe that God exists and that He is alive.

MAIN PASSAGE: John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. 4 In him was life, [a] and that life was the light of men. 5 That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome [b] it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. [c] 8 He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. [d]

10 He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be [e] children of God, to those who believe in his name, 13 who were born, not of natural descent, [f] or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, [g] but of God.

14 The Word became flesh and dwelt [h] among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son [i] from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, “This was the one of whom I said, ‘The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.’”) 16 Indeed, we have all received grace upon [j] grace from his fullness, 17 for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father’s side [k] – he has revealed him.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW: That God does exist, and the evidence we have tells us He is alive and active in our lives today.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY’VE LEARNED: To consider how the evidence for the existence of God still requires faith, but it is not difficult to find for those who are looking.