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### Christ Comes to the World

<sup>1</sup> Before the world began, the Word<sup>20</sup> was there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was there with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup> Everything was made through him, and nothing was made without him.

<sup>4</sup> In him there was life, and that life was a light for the people of the world.

<sup>5</sup> The light<sup>21</sup> shines in the darkness,<sup>22</sup> and the darkness has not defeated<sup>23</sup> it.

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<sup>20</sup>**1:1 Word** The Greek word is “*logos*,” meaning any kind of communication. It could be translated “message.” Here, it means Christ—the way God told the world about himself. Also in verses 10, 14, 16.

<sup>21</sup>**1:5 light** Meaning Christ, the Word, who brought to the world understanding about God. Also in verse 7.

<sup>22</sup>**darkness** A symbol for the kinds of things that describe Satan’s kingdom, such as sin and evil.

<sup>23</sup>**1:5 defeated** Or “understood.”

## What's The Question?

Why does the Bible call Jesus “the Word”?

## Kids' Answers

“Through the words of Jesus, the Earth and man were made. So, he is the Word.” Jonatan, 8

“I think Jesus was a message of God’s love. I also think he showed this by suffering on the cross for every one of our sins. And now because of ‘the Word’ and his love, we have a chance to have an eternal life in heaven.”

Abby, 11

“He wants us to spread the Word of him to everyone.” Leilani, 10

“The Bible calls Jesus ‘the Word’ because Jesus always uses scripture. He has definitely memorized more scripture than anyone ever will.”  
David, 11

## What's Your Answer?

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## Carey's Comments!

When we read, “In the beginning was the Word” in John’s Gospel, we should think of Genesis 1:1, which says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

The Apostle John is saying that Jesus is God and man in one person. By presenting Jesus Christ as the Word through which all things were created, John is saying that God chose Jesus as his messenger and messiah to tell us about God. Jesus shows us what God is like.

“No man has ever seen God. But the only Son (Jesus) is God. He is very close to the Father (God). And the Son has shown us what God is like” (John 1:18).

We can learn a lot about God by studying his creation, but God wants

us to know him in a more personal way. Jesus taught us about God and lived a perfect life that glorified God. He showed us how much God loved us when he suffered on the cross for our sins. In a general way, we learn about God through the world he created. Jesus Christ is God's personal message to us about the depth of his love for us.

Ancient Greek philosophers thought of the Word as a divine principle that operates in an orderly universe. They called the Word by the Greek word "logos." In the Old Testament, the Word is an active power. God spoke the Word and created the universe. When the Apostle John calls Jesus the Word, he is saying that Jesus as God left heaven and entered the world as a man. Jesus shows us God's glory by his teaching, life and sacrifice on the cross.

All over the world, giant telescopes listen for signals from outer space. By sending Jesus to Earth, God sent us a message. Astronomers spend a lot of money to see if they can hear a message from a distant planet or star, yet many don't listen to the message God sent through Jesus Christ. Are you listening to God's message?

Jesus Christ didn't say it would be easy for those who believe in him as the way, the truth and the life. He told his disciples to expect hatred from those who reject him. The Apostle John presents Jesus as a great light that shines in a dark world. People who tell lies about Jesus live in spiritual darkness. If they continue to tell lies about Jesus, God will punish them (John 1:4-5).

When Roman soldiers drove nails in Jesus' hands and feet on the cross, the devil and those who follow him thought they had won a great spiritual battle. It looked like spiritual darkness would defeat the light of

God's truth, power and love. When God raised Jesus from the dead, he defeated Satan and death.

People who use words to lie about Jesus don't want you to know that Jesus is God's only son who came to set you free from lies. Even if a lot of people believe lies about Jesus, there will always be some who know that he died for our sins and rose again to offer eternal life to all who believe in him.

Think about this: Jesus Christ is God's personal message of love, truth and peace to us.

Memorize this truth: "Before the world began, the Word was there. The Word was there with God. The Word was God." (John 1:1).

Ask this question: Do you know Jesus as the true Word, who gives light and eternal life to all who believe in him?



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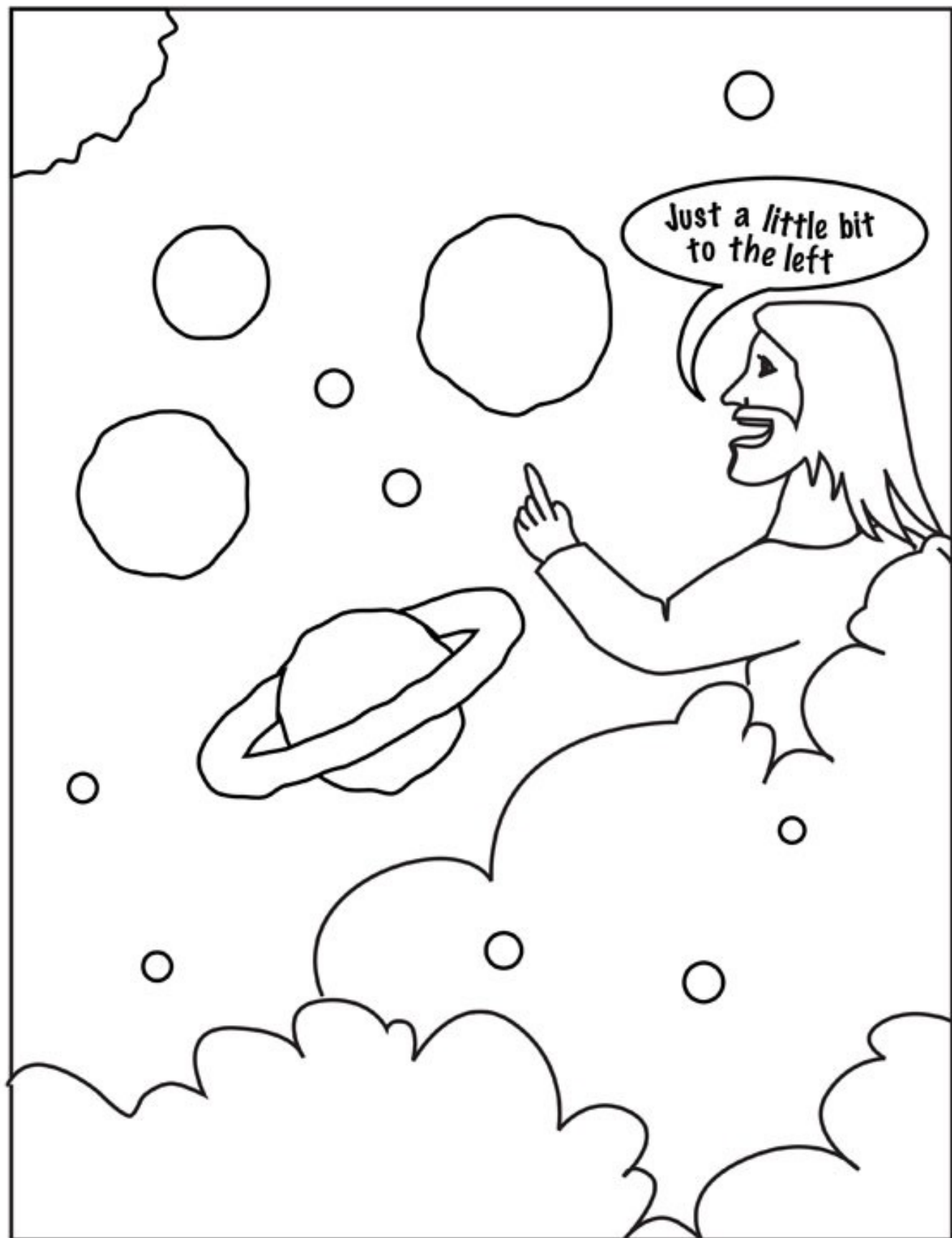
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