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Dear 2nd Grade Parent,

I was so excited to be back with your kids in Kidstuff this week! We had our first group of promotions today, and some kids who are very close to earning their first promotion.

I notice some kids are completing their activity sheets but not reciting the memory verses. The memory passages are really important, and I want to urge you to encourage your child to put forth the effort to memorize these each week. I know it's a challenge, but hiding God's word in our heart is so important. And of course they'll also earn many more points and prizes in class when they complete both missions (sheet + verse). Also, remember I give partial credit, so even if your child isn't able to recite the verse completely sometimes, they can still earn some points. [Here are some tips](#) if your child is struggling with memorizing verses.

Lesson Summary: John 1

Today we watched Chapter 1 of The Gospel of John on DVD and discussed it afterwards. Here are some of the key points we dicussed:

- John the Baptist is not the same as John the Apostle (and author of this gospel). John the Baptist was a prophet who proclaimed the coming of Jesus, preached repentance, and baptized people as a symbol of their repentance to prepare their hearts for Jesus - the Messiah, Lamb of God. John the Apostle was a fisherman who was initially a disciple of

John the Baptist but became one of Jesus' first followers instead.

- Jesus is both 100% (fully/truly) God and 100% (fully/truly) man.
- Jesus, since he is 100% God, has always existed (though not always as a man) and is the Creator of the universe.
- Unfortunately, many people reject Jesus because they love darkness and sin more than light and righteousness.
- The first five men to follow Jesus were John, Andrew, Simon (Peter), Philip, and Nathanael.

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Memory Verse Summary: John 1:1-2

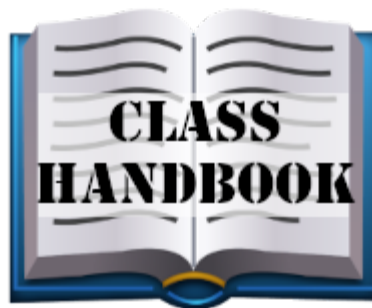
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

We have now commenced memorizing our first major passage of the year: John 1:1-18, which is the prologue (introduction) to the Gospel of John.

Jesus is called the "Word" because He is God's ultimate revelation of Himself to man. When we see Jesus, we see precisely who God is and what He is like, since Jesus is God in the flesh. John 1:1-2 make it crystal clear that Jesus is God and therefore has existed eternally as the second Person of the Trinity.

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