



FAMILY STUDY

John - The Disciple whom Jesus Loved

John is like a dad tenderly reviewing the fundamentals of faith--he covers these truths in a spiraling, revolutionary manner; probing deeper and wider with each turn. It is a revolutionary book that can revolutionize your life. John writes this book so we may know that basic truths of the Christian faith so we will not be deceived by any who would distort the truth. He boils life down to relationships with God and relationships with people that will lead to happiness and holiness.

Test your smarts

Objectives: Fun competition between family members
Gain knowledge about the basic truth of the gospel
Have fun with your family.

Number of Players: At least 3 or more

Length: 30 minutes - 1 hour

Set up: Set up an area around your dining table or living room where everyone can face each other. Give everyone a pair of spoons that they can bang together to signal when they want to answer the question. Also, give everyone a Bible in case they need to look up the answers. Designate one person as the show host. They will be the score keeper, time keeper and the host who asks the questions.

Rules: You could do this game in two parts--one night listen to the teaching as a family to refresh yourselves on the story (or read 1 John)--then, on another night, play the game. The Host will begin by explaining the rules. A question will be asked and anyone can answer the question. To indicate they want to answer the question they should bang their spoons together. Then they have 10 seconds to answer the question. If they answer correctly, they receive 5 points. If they don't answer correctly or they don't answer within the 10 seconds, the host will buzz them and then any of the other players may indicate they want to answer by banging their spoons together. If no one answers, the host will tell the answer and everyone will lose 1 point. You can use your bibles to look up answers--however, you should do this before you bang your spoons as once you do that, you only have 10 seconds to answer. After all of the questions are asked, total the points of each player to determine who the winner is.

(only the person designated as host should look at the next pages with the questions and answers)



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Allow room for alternate locations of the answers. Since John covers the basic truths several times, players may find their answer in another verse than the one that is listed.

	Question	Answer
1	How did John know that Jesus was real?	<p><i>1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled...</i></p> <p>He saw Him face to face, he lived with, ate with and even touched Jesus</p>
2	Can you have fellowship with the Father?	<p><i>1 John 1:3 ...that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.</i></p>
3	Why did John write of these basic truths?	<p><i>1 John 1:4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.</i></p> <p><i>1 John 2:1 ...these things I write to you, so that you may not sin.</i></p>
4	How do you know if you truly know Jesus?	<p><i>1 John 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.</i></p>
5	How can you be righteous?	<p><i>1 John 3:7 ...let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous...</i></p>
6	What did John say about those who would try to deceive us?	<p><i>1 John 2:21-23 ...no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either;</i></p> <p>and,</p> <p><i>1 John 4:3...and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist...</i></p>

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7	How can we know whether someone is of the Spirit of God or of the antichrist?	<i>1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.</i>
8	Who is greater, He who is in you, or he who is in the world?	<i>1 John 4:4 ...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.</i>
9	List at least 3 things that John says we can know.	<p><i>1 John 2:3 ...we know Him...</i></p> <p><i>1 John 2:5 ...we are in Him.</i></p> <p><i>1 John 3:14 ...we have passed from death to life...</i></p> <p><i>1 John 3:19 ...we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.</i></p> <p><i>1 John 3:24 He abides in us...</i></p> <p><i>1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God...</i></p> <p><i>1 John 5:13 ...we have eternal life...</i></p>
10	How do we know if we really know Jesus?	<i>1 John 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.</i>
11	How can we know if we are of the truth and assure our hearts before Him?	<i>1 John 3:18-19 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.</i>



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1 3	How do we know if God abides in us?	<i>1 John 4:11-13 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.</i>
1 3	In what manner should we ask anything of God?	<i>1 John 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.</i>

Discussion: Based on the things you learned through this game, what changes would you like to make in your own life and in your family to be in alignment with God?

Prayer: Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family.