

Part 2: 1 John 1:1–4

God Forgives Our Sins

1 We write you now about something that has always existed.

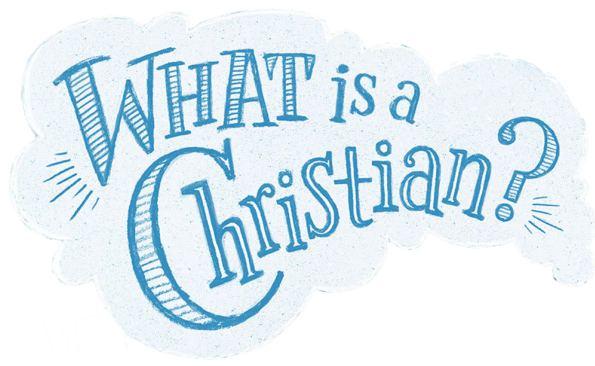
We have heard.

We have seen with our own eyes.

We have watched,

and we have touched with our hands.

We write to you about the Word that gives life. 2 He who gives life was shown to us. We saw him, and we can give proof about it. And now we tell you that he has life that continues forever. The one who gives this life was with God the Father. God showed him to us. 3 Now we tell you what we have seen and heard because we want you to have fellowship with us. The fellowship we share together is with God the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to you so that we may be full of joy.



Part 2: Discussion Questions

Why does John talk about sense like “hearing,” “seeing” and “touching”?

(To show that he spent time with Jesus and has the authority to teach.)

What is the “Good News” about Jesus?

(That He can give us a “forever kind of life” with God.)

John wants us to have “fellowship” with God. What’s fellowship?

(Fellowship is spending life together with friends. Enjoying being together.)

What is “joy”?

The best kind of happy—hug happy—that lasts a lot longer than “cookie happy.”)

Is it wrong to want to be happy?

(No. God wants us to be happy. But He wants us to have the joy that comes from being with Him, not from a cookie.)

What kinds of things make you the happiest?