



# Child of God

JOHN 1:1-18

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*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1, ESV)*

## Introduction

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Becoming a child of God is not the result of our best efforts. Rather, it is the result of God, through Jesus, revealing himself, exposing our darkness, approaching us with grace and truth, and accomplishing salvation on our behalf.

## Review the Sermon

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Read John 1:1-18.

How is this opening text like an overture or a prologue to the rest of John's gospel?

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What is the central statement (the mountain peak) in the prologue (check out v.12)? How does this help us understand what God is up to?

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What is John summarizing when he says, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (v.14)?

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## Assess your Life

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Why do you feel uncomfortable exposing your sin or weakness to the light of God's truth?  
What exactly stands in your way of doing so?

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Which comes more naturally to you – grace or truth? Why?

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How are your closest relationships characterized by both safety and honesty?

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## Apply the Truth

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What is one practical step you can take this week to deepen your relationship with your heavenly Father?

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How can you work toward being fully known and fully loved – by both God and others?

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What burden(s) are you carrying or trying to solve on your own strength that you need Jesus to accomplish for you?

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## Commit this Week

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Commit this week to living in the grace and truth of Jesus so you can be honest about your helplessness and lean on him and his people for strength.

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*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”  
(John 1:14, ESV)*