OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Why do you think John begins his gospel the same way that Genesis begins? What does this teach us about God? His plan of salvation?

b) John 1 doesn't use the word love, but how does John 1:1-4 prove the love of God? (think Trinity).

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) John starts with "In the beginning." Are you in need of a new beginning? In what way? How might knowing/worshiping Jesus bring you a new start?

b) Re-read verse 4. Jesus alone brings life and light. What have you been making the center of your life lately? In what ways has it failed you? In what ways might Jesus allow you to put things back into proper perspective?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Why is it so important that God came to us as a person (Jesus Christ) and not just information, an idea, or a list of commands?

b) Words reveal the heart of a person. Jesus is the Word of God. How has Jesus revealed God to you personally?

APPLICATION

a) Is Christmas a season of worship for you? How might you use the "all things" that Jesus made as a gateway to worshipping the God of John 1:1-4?

FIGHTER VERSES: John 1:1-5. Challenge: John 1:1-18.

PRAYER

- Praise God for revealing himself through the Word Jesus Christ.
- Confess your failure to worship God and make Jesus ultimate.
- Thank Jesus for leaving the Father's side and coming to Earth for you.
- Ask God to help you to worship him and know him through Jesus.