THE INCARNATION

John 1:14a

1. Who is “the Word”? (Jn1:1–3,14a) Why do you think the author chose to use this term for him? (Heb1:1,2) What can we learn here about God who wants to speak with us?
2. Read John 1:14a and think about the eternal, infinite Creator God who “became flesh”; what did he give up in order to do this? (Jn17:5) How did his becoming flesh reveal his humility? (Lk2:7; Isa53:2; Php2:6–8)
3. How does the incarnation show God’s desire to understand us? (Isa53:3; Heb2:14a, 17a) How does it affirm our human value and dignity? (Mt9:11–13; 11:19; 25:40) How does his incarnation show us how to live? (Mt11:28–30; Ro12:16; Php2:3; Col3:12)
4. What was the ultimate purpose of the Word becoming flesh? (Jn1:29; Isa53:5) How did it enable God to dwell among his people? (Eph2:13–18; Rev21:3)
5. How does the incarnation illustrate God’s initiating love? (1Jn4:9,10,19) Why is it so important for us to experience and practice this love?