

LESSON 1

WATCH OUT!

2 JOHN



1 What are some of the warning signs around your house (e.g., on appliances, power tools, household cleaning products)?

2 What is something you wish you had been warned against?



Read the introduction to 2 John, the book of 2 John, and the following notes:

☐ 1:1–4 ☐ 1:7 ☐ 1:8 ☐ 1:10

3 Study the Megathemes “Truth” and “Love.” In your own words, describe the importance of truth and love to Christians.

Truth _____

Love _____

4 What were the “deceivers” teaching (1:7)?

5 How are believers to treat false teachers (1:10, 11)?

The traveling preachers of John’s day relied on the hospitality of Christians for food and shelter. But John warned his readers not to open their homes to just any person claiming to be a Christian teacher. In fact, false teachers deserved no acceptance or hospitality at all. While we demonstrate our love for God by loving one another, we also demonstrate it by rejecting teachers who misrepresent him and lead people astray. Accepting and welcoming false teachers only legitimizes their false teaching. Out of love for God and others who may be influenced by false teachers, we must be careful not to support those who teach wrong ideas about God and the Christian life.



6 Why are false teachers so dangerous?

7 What dangers are there in believing what is not true?

8 What happens when Christians follow false teachers?

9 How do Christians support false teachers?



10 Why are people often tempted to take false teaching lightly?

11 What would you do if a close friend became a member of a cult or began to follow a false teacher?

12 How can we screen organizations before donating money to them?

13 What ministry or minister does 2 John challenge you to screen, reexamine, or support more fully?



A John placed a strong emphasis on truth in this letter. What advantages are there to living according to an absolute standard of truth?

B How can Christians be loving and kind while refusing to accept false teachers? How might this affect the way you interact with your religious non-Christian friends?

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