



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



1. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Story Scenes" Activity Pages, flashlight, and painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the painter's tape to hang the pages from the "Story Scenes" Activity Pages around your group space.
 - *NOTE: If wall space is not possible, tape the seven pages of the "Story Scenes" Activity Pages to the floor around your group space.*
 - Invite the kids to stand up in the center of your group space.
 - Give one kid the flashlight to hold and turn on.
 - Describe one of the pictures from the "Story Scenes" Activity Page.
 - Ask the kid with the flashlight to find that picture and shine the light on it.
 - Instruct the rest of the kids to gather near that picture as you talk about it using the discussion below.
 - After the discussion, ask the kid with the flashlight to turn the flashlight off, and choose another kid to give the flashlight to.
 - Invite the kids to return to the center of your group space, and repeat for each of the pictures.
1. Picture of Isaiah writing on a scroll: "What did the prophet Isaiah write about a bright light?" (*The world was living in darkness, but a light was coming. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, Isaiah wrote about this bright light.*)
 2. Jesus in the manger: "What is happening in this picture?" (*Jesus was born and was placed in a manger or a feeding trough for animals.*) "Did Jesus stay a baby?" (*He didn't! Jesus grew up! Then, when He was 30 years old, He began to travel and teach people about God.*)
 3. Jesus turns the water into wine: "How did Jesus help the people in this picture?" (*He saved a wedding celebration by turning the water into wine so the celebration could continue!*)
 4. Jesus heals a sick man: "What's happening in this picture? Who do you see?" (*Jesus healed a man who'd been unable to walk for 38 years! Jesus spent time with people others ignored and showed them God's love.*)
 5. Jesus feeds more than five thousand people: "What did Jesus do for this crowd?" (*Jesus fed more than five thousand people with just one small meal of five small loaves and two fish.*)
 6. A bright light: "Who is the Light of the world?" (*Jesus! Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life." –John 8:12, NIV*)
 - Or John 8:12 NIV: "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*"

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Saw the Light

Jesus Is the Light of the World
John 8:12

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the light of the world.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Look at all these amazing things Jesus did and said. God sent Jesus as our



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(1. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, CONTINUED)

Rescuer. **Jesus is the light of the world.** We can put our trust in Jesus and follow Him because He is the light who shows us how to live and have a relationship with God forever.”

[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids how you first learned that Jesus is the light of the world. How did this truth change what you believe? Describe how Jesus came to be your light, the One who came to rescue you.)



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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



* 2. TURN ON THE LIGHT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Light Switch Covers" Activity Page, and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a light switch cutout from the "Light Switch Covers" Activity Page.
- Read the sentence at the bottom of the cutout to the kids.
- Invite kids to read, or repeat the sentence after you.
- Ask: "How often do you turn on the light switch in your bedroom or bathroom? Once? Each time you're in the room?"
- Remind kids that we need the light of Jesus every day.
- Set out the markers.
- Direct kids to color and decorate their light switch cover.
- As kids color, explain they can take their light switch cover home, and ask an adult to help them cut out the center to fit around their actual switch on the wall.
 - Instruct the kids that they will need tape to place the light switch cover over their light switch.
- Read the sentence on the light switch cover one more time together: **"Jesus is the light of the world."**

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Your light switch covers look great! Each time you turn on a light, your light switch covers can help you remember to thank God for sending Jesus to be the light of the whole world. Ask God to help you see the areas where you need to change to become more like Jesus. Jesus came to be YOUR light, to make a way for you to have a relationship with God forever. When you follow the Light of the world, Jesus will help you become more and more like Him as you show compassion and love to others. **Jesus is the light of the world.**"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



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4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage the kids to think about someone they have a hard time showing compassion to.
 - If needed, prompt kids to think about who they have trouble getting along with, argue with, or who has hurt their feelings.
- Give the kids a moment to stop and pray, asking Jesus to help them treat that person with love and compassion, just as He loves them.
- Close the group in prayer, thanking God for sending Jesus as the light to show us how to live and love others.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the Light of the world. We needed a Rescuer, and You sent Jesus! Help us to put our trust in Jesus and to show compassion to others, especially the ones we've prayed for today. We want other people around us to see YOUR light so they can follow You too. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their light switch covers as they talk about how **Jesus is the light of the world.**