



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus is the Light.

OBJECTIVE:

Preschoolers will learn that “Jesus is the Light of the World.”

KEY PASSAGE:

John 8:12-19, I Am the Light of the World

MEMORY VERSE:

“Let your light shine so others can see it.” Matthew 5:16b (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

Jesus taught many people. He called Himself the Light of the World. He helped them to know that if they followed Him, they could walk in light instead of darkness.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for being the Light for us.

Amen



MEMORY VERSE

“Let your light shine so others can see it.” Matthew 5:16b (NIRV)

LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Teach the kids the verse, using the following hand motions: “Let your light” (Hold hands together like prayer hands.) “Shine.” (Point both hands to the sky.) “So others can see it.” (Put hands up to eyes like goggles.)

SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Say the verse together several times. Tell kids that Jesus wants us to be a Light just like Him.



SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: Scared of the Dark

ITEMS NEEDED: flashlight, batteries

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

CHARACTERS: Ella and Henry

Ella is sitting down, and Henry walks into the room.

HENRY: Hi Ella, how are you today?

ELLA: Looking worried. Oh hey, Henry. I'm fine.

HENRY: Well, you look a little worried.

ELLA: Well, it's going to get dark soon, and that makes me feel a little bit scared?

HENRY: Why?

ELLA: The dark is scary! You can't see. Something might get me!

HENRY: You need something to help you feel safe.

ELLA: What could that be?

HENRY: Pulls out a flashlight. A flashlight!

ELLA: Oh! Does it work?

HENRY: Sure. Flips the switch but it won't turn on. Hmm, I wonder what the problem is.

ELLA: Does it have batteries?

HENRY: Checks the flashlight for batteries and finds it doesn't have any. Oops! Wait, I have some right here in my pocket. Pulls out batteries and puts them in.

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

ELLA: Let's try it again.

HENRY: Turns on the working flashlight.

ELLA: Yay! The light will help me see.

HENRY: Yes, it will, but don't forget, Ella, Jesus will help you, too. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

ELLA: You mean Jesus is like a flashlight?

HENRY: Sort of. He helps us find our way out of the darkness. He is always Light.

ELLA: But what if His batteries die? Won't He be dark?

HENRY: Nope, Jesus doesn't even need batteries. His Light lasts forever and, and He shares it with everyone.

ELLA: That makes me feel much better! I'm going to keep this flashlight in my hand and keep Jesus in my heart.



SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED: Ice cream cones (cake style) and popcorn

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: “Today’s snack is ice cream cones and popcorn. Please let your child’s teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack.”

CONNECTION: Put a scoop of popcorn into each ice cream cone. Before eating, show the kids and ask if it looks like a flashlight. Say, “Our snack today looks like a flashlight. That reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.”



CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED: Flashlight template, crayons, 3 x ½ inch strips of yellow paper, crayons, glue sticks

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Copy and cut out flashlight templates.

DIRECTIONS: Have kids use crayons to color the flashlight template. Then use a glue stick to help them glue on three yellow strips of paper. This represents light coming out of the flashlight.



HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED: A variety of objects that are black or white (several of each), two buckets, a piece of white paper, a piece of black paper, tape

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Tape the white paper to the outside of one bucket and the black paper to the outside of the other bucket.

DIRECTIONS:

Have kids sit in front of you. Point out that the white items remind us of light. The black items remind us of darkness. Allow kids to take turns picking from the black/white items, putting them into the correct matching bucket. Talk about how Jesus is the light of the world. He gives His light to us, and without Him we are in darkness.



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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with. “This Little Light of Mine” would be an appropriate song for this lesson.

LESSON:

Our story today is from the Bible. This is God’s Word, and everything in it is true. *(Hold up a Bible.)* God wants us to obey His words in the Bible. *(Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)*

Today we are learning about light and dark? Let’s see what our room is like in the dark. We’re going to turn off the lights, just for a minute, but don’t be scared, because I have a light that will help us see. Have a volunteer turn off the lights. Then turn on your flashlight.

This flashlight can help us see. Light is important and light is good. Have a volunteer turn the lights back on. Did you know Jesus is our light? Jesus is God’s Son. God sent Him to the earth because He loves people so much. Jesus came to be our friend.

He taught many people all about God’s love and wanted them to follow Him. Once, when Jesus was teaching His friends, He said, “I am the light of the world.” Jesus wants us to know that special message, too.

Jesus is our light. That means He can help guide us. If it’s dark, then we can’t see, right? We need a light to show us where to go. Everyone close your eyes. Can you see? No, of course not. Now, open your eyes. Darkness can be scary, but when we love Jesus, we don’t have to be in darkness, and we don’t have to be scared.

MAIN LESSON

Even if we feel sad or afraid, we can know that Jesus is with us always. Jesus is the light of the world. Say those words with me, “Jesus is the light of the World.”

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for being the Light for us.

Amen



MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Dim the lights of your classroom if possible. Shine the flashlight, moving it around the room. Have kids chase after the light.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Say the verse together several times. Tell kids that Jesus wants us to be a Light just like Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are some things or places that are dark?

What is Jesus called?

If we follow Jesus, what can we have?

Who sent Jesus to us?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY: Play a simple game of Follow the Leader. As the leader, hold the flashlight in your hand and point the way forward. Allow kids to have a turn being the leader as well. Remind them that Jesus is the light, and we should always follow Him.



SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Children's Bible, and say, "This is the Bible. It is God's true words. Today we are going to be learning about Jesus. Jesus loves you very much. He came to be our Light."

LESSON:

Hold up a flashlight. Say to the kids, "Today we are going to learn about light and dark. We are going to turn the lights off and our classroom will be dark just for a few seconds, but I have a flashlight to help us see." Have a volunteer turn the lights off. Turn the flashlight on and say, "Look, this light helps us see! Jesus is like this flashlight. He is the Light of the World and He came to be our friend."

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MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "Jesus is a Light for you." Then point to each child and say, "Jesus is a Light for (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you, God, for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

This Little Light Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE BIG LIGHT



IN THE CAR:

As you drive, ask your child: is it dark or light outside? What helps our sky light up during the day and during the night? Jesus is just like the bright lights. He is the Light of the World.



HANGING OUT:

Using a flashlight, point to different numbers or letters around your house. See if your pre-schooler can identify them. Remind them that just like a flashlight, Jesus is a light that helps point out truth.



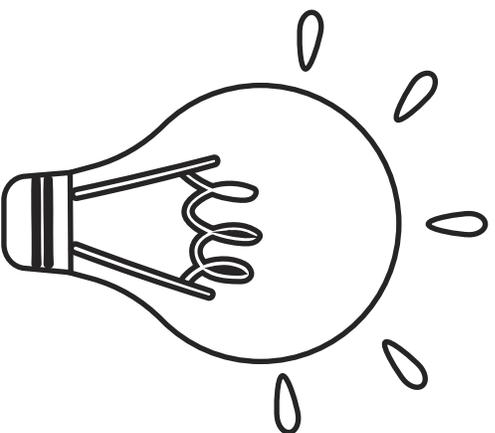
AT DINNER:

Before you eat your meals, pray together, thanking God for sending Jesus as our Light.

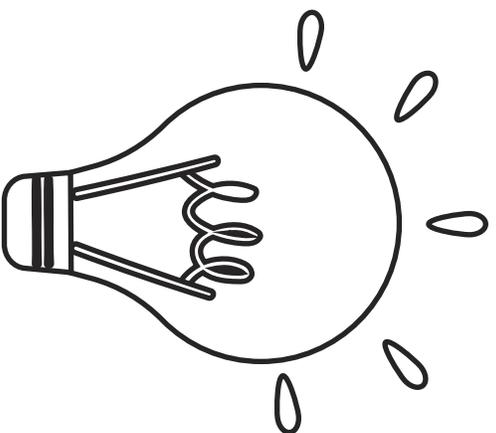


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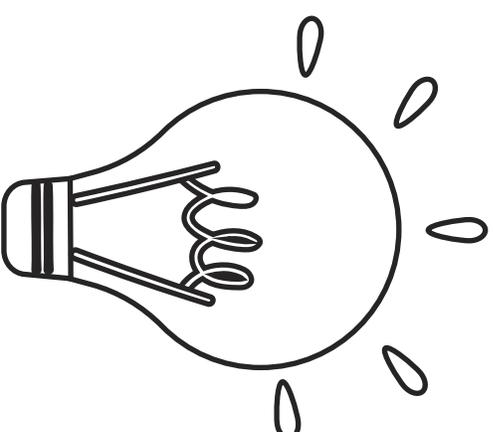
Cuddle up with your little ones and tell them how much you love them, and that Jesus loves them too. That's why He came to be the Light of the World. When we are scared or don't know what to do, Jesus will be with us and show us the way.



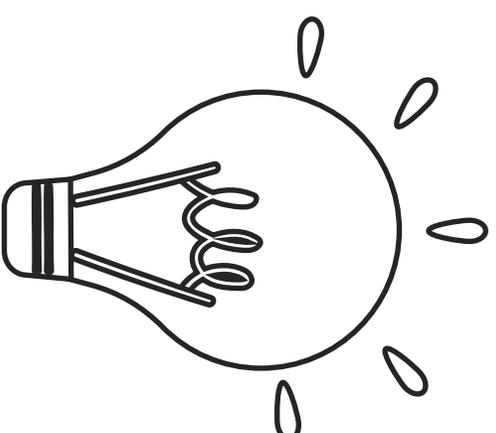
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