



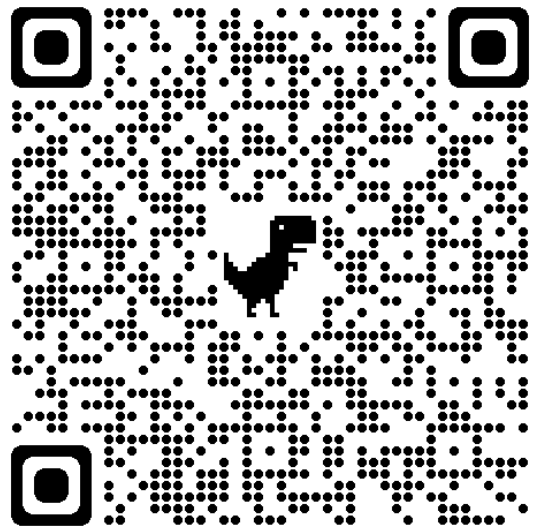
***“Live in the Light: 4-Week Children’s Ministry Curriculum”*** calls children to follow Jesus and walk in His light. In today's world, where so many ideas compete for attention, it can be hard for children to understand the concept of absolute truth. They often hear conflicting philosophies that might confuse them and make their faith wobble. It's important to guide them correctly. Our new curriculum series, "Live in the Light," comes in here. This series introduces the beautiful metaphor of God as light in the Bible, helping young believers see the path of truth clearly. This engaging series dives deep into the theme of 'light' and its connection with truth. Each lesson uses key Bible passages to help children understand God's unchanging truth and how it can daily guide their lives.

**Big Idea:** Because Jesus loves me, He helps me understand what is true.

**Memory Verse:** John 8:12

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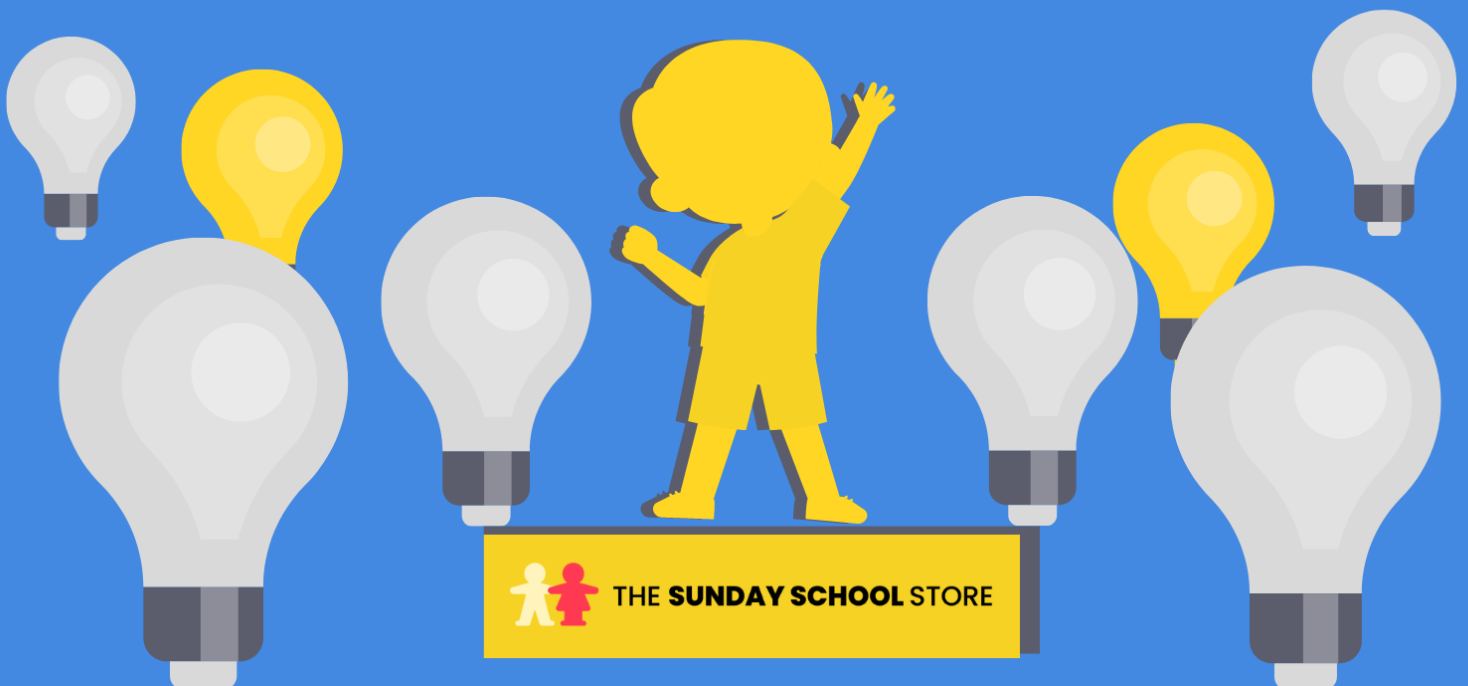
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4-WEEK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
CURRICULUM

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## Live in the Light

*"God is Light" 1 John 1:5*

**Summary:** In the Bible, God is often compared to light. Jesus even calls himself the Light of the World! But what does it mean that God is "light?" And how are we to live as people who "walk in the light?" In today's lesson, we will explore John's metaphor of light as it relates to truth. God is truth and all truth comes from God. This idea is foundational to the Christian life and guides us into a deeper relationship with our Creator.

**Gospel Connection:** God was willing to step into the darkness of sin to bring us the light of truth. He does that most clearly in the person of Jesus who is "the way, the truth, and the life. Through faith in Jesus we are given understanding of the truth of Who God is.

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**Big Idea:** Because God loves me, He helps me understand what is true about Him.

**Additional Passages and Stories:** Genesis 1:1-4; Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23

# Memory Verse Activity

Lights On! Reading Chain

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: Index cards; marker; two flashlights

Instructions:

- Write each word or phrase from the memory verse onto separate index cards. (Create multiple copies if you will have more than one group.)
- Instruct kids to stand in a circle.
- Pass the cards out in order to the kids. Give a flashlight to both kids who receive the “light” index cards.
- Instruct the kids to read their part of the memory verse in order as seamlessly as possible.
- Kids who have the “light” index cards will also turn on the flashlight when it is their turn. Once the memory verse is completed, they will turn their flashlights off.
- After the verse has been read, instruct the kids to set their index cards and flashlights on the ground. Everyone should take one step to the left, so they all have new cards to read.
- For a greater challenge, shuffle the index cards before you pass them out and ask the kids to put themselves in the correct order.

# Lesson Illustration

Creating in the Dark

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: Plain paper; crayons or markers; glow sticks (optional)

Instructions:

- Before class, close curtains and blinds or cover the windows.
- Pass out paper and crayons or markers to each kid, instructing the kids to create something beautiful on their paper.
- Turn off the lights.
- If the kids protest or say it's difficult, turn the lights back on or pass out glow sticks so kids can see while they draw.

LEADER: In the darkness, many tasks can feel more difficult if you are used to relying on your sense of sight. In many ways, trying to draw or create something beautiful when you cannot see what you are doing is like trying to be a good person when you don't know who God is or have a relationship with Him.

God wants us to know the truth about Him and about ourselves, so He gives us His Word, the Bible. We are born in sin, and our sin keeps us from living the good lives God wants for us. When we trust in Jesus, it's like having our eyes opened and the lights turned on. Jesus saves us so we can see the truth and walk with God.

Transition to **Large Group Teaching**.

# Large Group Teaching

Suggested Time: 15–20 minutes

LEADER: We just saw how darkness can make a simple task like drawing a picture very difficult. Take a moment, and think about other things that would be difficult in the dark. Can you share some of your ideas?

*[Allow for responses.]*

There are lots of things that would be very difficult to do if we didn't have light. I think we can all agree that light is very important in our lives every day.

The Bible also talks about light. Because light is so important and useful in our lives, the Bible often compares God to light. Listen to what the Bible says in 1 John 1:5:

*READ: 1 John 1:5*

LEADER: This verse says that God is light and there's no darkness in Him at all. John uses the word light to explain that God is truth. That means God is real and everything that exists comes from Him. When we want to know what is true about ourselves and the world around us, we need to look to God and His Word.. The wisdom that comes from God is like a light switch turning on, giving light to our minds and hearts. In contrast, darkness in the Bible is often associated with sin and death. God is perfect and holy; He is completely without sin. God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

But it isn't just God Himself that is compared to light. The author of Psalm 119 uses light to describe something else. Listen to the next verse, and see if you can hear what that is:

*READ: Psalm 119:105*

LEADER: Did anyone catch what the Psalmist compares to light?

*[Allow for responses.]*

The Psalmist compares God's Word to light and calls it a lamp. But when it says "Your word" in this verse, what does that mean? Does anyone have any guesses?

*[Allow for responses.]*

When we say, "God's Word," we are referring to the Bible. The Bible tells us what is true about God and ourselves. It shows us how God is at work in the world He has made. God spoke through people to record Truth that helps us know Him and follow Him.

This verse tells us that, in addition to God being light, God's Word to us is also light. But what does that mean for us and our lives? Listen to a different verse:

*READ: Proverbs 6:23*

LEADER: This verse tells us that God's commands and instructions to us are light because they teach, correct, and instruct us. . God's Word guides us to live in a way that honors Him.. God knows how life works best, and we can trust that His ways are right. When we follow God's ways we will find life with Him!

A lot of people think that they don't need God in their lives. They would rather make decisions for themselves and not have to ask God what He wants for them.. But without God, we will find ourselves walking in darkness. Apart from God we cannot know what is true about who we are or why we are even here. Because of sin, life can be filled with heartbreak, sorrow, anger, loneliness, and hatred.

God wants something much better for us. That's why He gives us commands and instructions in the Bible. He loves us and wants to give us abundant life. God's commands and instructions to us work like signposts that point us to the a life that brings glory to God.

We have all experienced darkness. We all have sinned against God and disobeyed Him. Our sinful hearts want to do things our own way rather than submit to God's authority. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God.



Fortunately, God isn't afraid of the dark: He is not surprised by our sin, and He was willing to reach down to us in our sin to bring us near to Him. Imagine being in a dark room and trying to avoid bumping into something as you walk. How does it feel when someone turns on a light?

*[Allow for responses]*

Darkness often feels scary, but being in the light brings comfort and peace. In a similar way, when we are near to God and He gives us wisdom to know what is true, we have peace and joy. Knowing God is what we were created for. God wants us to know what is true about Him so we can live in the light of His truth.

# Small Group Discussion and Prayer

Suggested time: 10–15 minutes

Discuss the following questions. Choose questions that are most appropriate for your group's age and attention level.

- The Bible says that God is light. Because of that, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.
- What does it mean that "God is light?"
- What else, besides God Himself, does the Bible compare to light?
- How can the Bible be like a light and help us in our lives?
- When the Bible talks about darkness, what is it usually referring to?
- What does it mean when we say people are living in darkness?
- We talked about how God steps into our sin and darkness to bring His light. What does that mean for our lives today?

Take some time to share prayer requests. Then lead the kids in prayer. You may also read the prayer below.

Dear God,  
Thank You for being light and  
For not being afraid to step into the darkness  
Of our own lives to bring Your light.  
Thank You for shining it into our lives  
Through Your Word and through Jesus.  
We pray that we would be lights  
In the world for You every day.  
In Jesus name, Amen!

# Application Game

## Blindfold Game

Suggested time: 10–15 minutes

Supplies: Black poster board; tape; neon sticky notes; blindfold; flashlights (optional)

### Instructions:

- Attach the poster board to a wall with tape. Select a starting point and ensure there's a clear path to the poster board.
- Instruct kids that they will be blindfolded, one at a time, and will try to get a sticky note on the poster board.
- If desired, turn out the lights and give the kids who aren't blindfolded flashlights.
- Blindfold one kid.
- As that kid makes her way to the paper, the other kids can yell out "Light!" if she is getting close to the poster board and "Dark!" if she is far away.
- Once she has placed her sticky note on the wall, remove the blindfold and see if she got it on the poster board. The next kid can then go, repeating the steps.
- For more of a challenge, ask the kids to spin around once before walking to the poster board.

LEADER: When you don't have the blindfold on, it's really easy to see the poster board and get the sticky notes on it, isn't it? But when you can't see—when you're in complete darkness—it becomes very hard. That's the power of light. When we have God's truth in our lives, we can see more clearly and follow Him more closely.

# Application Craft

Let There Be Light!

Suggested time: 5–10 minutes

Supplies: Black and yellow construction paper; glue

Instructions:

- Give each kid one sheet of black and yellow construction paper.
- Instruct kids to tear the yellow paper into small pieces and glue them onto the black paper.
- Consider encouraging the kids to arrange the yellow bits to form a picture or image, such as an animal, a heart, or a person.



LEADER: When God first created the world, there was complete darkness. But God spoke light into existence. He created all that is true and good. God brought order and peace to the chaotic darkness. He does the same in our hearts. He speaks truth and life into our sin-broken souls. He restores us and lets us experience the beauty of life with Him.s

# Bible Word Search

Jesus - Light - World - John - Truth - Faith

Glory - Joy - Mercy - Trust - Christ - Gospel

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## Word Search Answers

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# GOD IS LIGHT

