

The Light of the World

Theme

Jesus is the one true light. We are his witnesses.

Object

A strand of Christmas lights; construction paper; scissors; pens - one per child; tape

Scripture

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Video Connection: Tell Me the Story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OO84K9RuF0

Children's Christmas Songs-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSLrFVR-Hqw&list=PLg8UufkzWLCASnhbmr3XOPXFdp8_yB3c

"Light of the World"- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI302Av7vSI>

Lesson

Cut circles from the construction paper to symbolize light bulbs. Make them large enough so kids can write a word or two on them.

Turn down the classroom lights, and plug in the Christmas lights so they light the room.

Our Bible reading for today tells us that God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light--Jesus--so that everyone would believe. John wasn't the light. He only came to tell others about the light. Jesus is the one true light, who gives light to everyone. Let's think about lights in our lives to help us think about that.

When do you need light or what do you need light for? Encourage kids to try to work together to name a use for light for every bulb on the Christmas strand.

At this time of year, we see lights everywhere that remind us of the coming of Jesus, the true light that John told about. Turn and tell a neighbor in one sentence about the coolest Christmas lights you've seen. Allow time.

Those lights can help us remember that Jesus is the one true light in our hearts and in our lives. Jesus brought light into the darkness of this world. Think of a way Jesus brings light into your heart and life, and write a word to tell what you're thinking on a construction paper light bulb.

Give kids construction paper light bulbs and allow time. As they finish, have them tape the paper light bulbs between the real light bulbs on the strand.

Let's pray and thank God for Jesus--the light of the world.

Pray Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to this world. We're thankful for the light He brings to our lives--the hope, joy, love, and peace He brings us. In Jesus' name, amen.

The *LIGHT* shines in
the darkness and
the *darkness*
has *NOT* overcome it.

John 1:5





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Decode the message by finding each substitute letter.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
r	l	n	m	s	i	c	j	a	k	g	z	q	u	h	d	b	f	y	o	v	t	x	e	w	p

VOXAX GIDX I DIC YOT YIE EXCV RATD KTP; OFE

CIDX YIE HTOC. OX GIDX IE I YFVCXEE VT

VXEVFRS GTCGXACFCK VOIV BFKOV, ET VOIV

VOATNKO OFD IBB DXC DFKOV QXBFXUX. OX

OFDEXBR YIE CTV VOX BFKOV; OX GIDX TCBS IE I

YFVCXEE VT VOX BFKOV.

HTOC 1:6-8

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There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6, 8 (NIV)

Based on John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV)



R L P R O P H E T E M E S V X
F N W E G I W Y N Y Z A U N K
R K A L E C Y H N I Y C N T P
U L T I O G O A T N S H S C R
J T E J X J D P A K Y R N O I
E L R A H R A H Z J L I E N E
R W Z H O B T U Z J B S Q F S
U I I J T E B N A M E T L E T
S T X M B S L E V I T E S S S
A N U T R E H K F O W A L S O
L E I R Q N V K T E S T I F Y
E S V F E T I H D N F K G W P
M S M L S L V R D Y R R H Y L
L M D E G O D P O S G I T R S
M C B T D B E L I E V E B W Q

BETHANY	JOHN	BELIEVE	SENT	LEVITES
CHRIST	TESTIFY	NAME	GOD	WATER
JORDAN	BAPTIZE	JERUSALEM	CONFESS	PRIESTS
LIGHT	PROPHET	ELIJAH	MAN	WITNESS