

Children's Church – Elementary Ages

<p>Today's Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020</p>	<p>Lesson: LIGHT in the DARK</p>
<p>Worship</p>	<p>Sanctuary</p>
<p>Read the passage</p>	<p>John 12:35-37 <i>Jesus replied, "My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. 36 Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light." After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them. 37 But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him.</i></p>
<p>Discuss: After reading and the object lesson, read more passages about how following Jesus is light... (Help students find these verses in their Bibles) John 8:12 <i>Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."</i> John 3:19-21 <i>And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. 20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. 21 But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.</i> Psalm 119:105 <i>Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.</i></p>	<p>Object Lesson: Let the students maneuver the classroom one at a time blindfolded with the lights out. Lead them around the room by your voice only and see if they are where they think they are in the room when they uncover and the lights come back on. Discuss why it's so hard to get around in a dark room. Conclude by showing them how to maneuvering the room with just one tiny flashlight makes all the difference in the world! Following Jesus is like having that light all the time. One day, the world will not have the option of following Jesus and all they will know is trying to get around in the dark.</p>
<p>Focus Verse Following Jesus is like living with the lights turned on. You can see clearly and you don't get hurt or make a mess. People who make up their own rules make bad decisions like walking around in the dark makes you bump into stuff, get hurt & make a mess.</p>	<p>John 12:35 <i>Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going.</i></p>
<p>Review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following Jesus is like the lights being ____. 2. People who make up their own rules are like people who walk around the house with the lights off at night. 3. Activity Page (may color or write; this page is just a tool for discussion) 4. Bible Spotlight 	<p>Bible Spotlight: Moses & the Burning Bush Long before the Light of Jesus entered the world, God brought light and spoke to Moses through a burning bush and told him how He was going to save the Israelites! Illustrated Bible pg. Songs: The Moses Song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pB_zYT76Og8</p>

Class Schedule:

1. Welcome (introduce yourself, let kids introduce selves with a fav color, food, holiday, trip, game, school subject, etc)
2. Lord's Prayer (after prayer, go quickly around the class and ask student to include the name of someone to pray for)
3. Today's Story OT or NT (say first 8 books of section story is in)
4. Pass out Bibles & help students find today's reading in their Bible
5. Follow the Lesson
6. Students can be coloring the 2nd half of the activity page during the Bible Spotlight Story & Song

Draw lot of light bulbs & birthday candles to help you remember Jesus is **LIGHT**!



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Jesus said:
I AM the
light
of the
world
John 9:5

Write 3 words or draw 3 pictures that help you remember Moses and the Burning Bush...

