



Live Bright: Shine Jesus' Light

Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.



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

Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read John 8:12 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.


Engagement Questions

- Who do you go to for guidance?
- How can Jesus' light guide you and help you grow?
- Where have you seen the light of Jesus?

Faith and Character Activity

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.

Scan the QR code to get started



Prayer

"Dear God, we know that Jesus is the light of the world. Thank You for the light that shines in the darkness, and that You loved us so much You showed compassion by sending Jesus. Please help us to follow Him and to shine His light to others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Weekly Parent Cues

Preteen

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, let them know how much you not only love them, but also like them—and why.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "Where have you seen the light of Jesus?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "Who is someone you know who loves people like Jesus does?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "Jesus, help us to live like You did. Help us to love those who others overlook. Help us to be kind to everyone, regardless of who they are. And most of all, help us to point people to You and what you want to do in their lives."

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid

Faith & Character Activities



Worship Song of the Month



Download the Parent Cue app

AVAILABLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES



PARENT CUE

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Twelve horizontal dotted lines for journaling.



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

2. You learned:

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

3. You'd like to know:

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

A Devotional on Compassion.

FOR AN **everyday faith.**

Day 2

Read **John 8:12**

Read **John 8:12** out loud, and as you do, come up with motions and actions you can do to illustrate the verse (such as turning on and off lights).

Before Jesus was born, many of the Israelites expected Him to arrive as a king. But Jesus arrived as a helpless baby and went on to be a humble carpenter. As he got older, he began to teach and perform miracles—shining God's light in a different way than they expected, but shining nonetheless.

Jesus' words that John recorded in **John 8:12** angered the religious leaders, who expected the Savior of the world to follow the same rules and traditions that they did. But Jesus was telling the religious leaders—and everyone else—that He is indeed God's Rescuer, sent to bring light to a dark world.

Once more, act out the words in **John 8:12**, this time thinking about how the words must have sounded to everyone who heard them.



Answers: from us to God, from God to us, from God to us from God to us, us to others, from God to us

Day 4

Where have you seen the light of Jesus?

Jesus' light shows up in our lives in different ways. Sometimes it might be through His people—others who also follow Jesus. Other times, it might feel like it was something straight from God—like an unexplained peace during a really hard time.

Try to remember a time when someone shined the light of Jesus in your life. Then reach out to that person and thank them for showing compassion to you. If you can do it in person, that's awesome! But you can also call them, text them, or write them a thank you note, expressing gratitude that they cared enough to do something about your needs.

Day 3

We have so much to be thankful for when it comes to Jesus and the light He brought to the world.

And one of the best ways we can express that gratitude is by shining that same light to everyone around us. Fill in the blank with a time it's hard for you to have compassion. Then pray this prayer, thanking God and asking for help to show compassion.

Dear God, thank You for seeing the biggest need the world had—the need for a Savior—and sending Jesus to earth to die for our sins. That is the biggest act of compassion the world has ever seen! I want to follow Your example of compassion. Sometimes it's really hard to do that, especially when _____.

Please help me show compassion, even when it's hard. And thank You for meeting my needs every day. In Jesus' Name, I pray. **Amen.**

Day 5

Jesus is the light of the world.

Yesterday you took time to thank someone for showing you compassion. Today, you're going to shine the light of Jesus by showing compassion to someone else!

Draw a line from each person to a way you can show them compassion. (Note: There are no wrong answers, but some pairings just make more sense.)

Bring them a treat	Write them an encouraging note	Offer to help with a chore or task	Empty the dishwasher without being asked	Offer to stay late and help clean up	Wash their car	Help them with homework	Help them practice their sport or clean their room
Grandparent	Parent	Brother	Sister	Friend	Teacher	Bus driver	Coach

Now, choose a pair that you can do in the next day or two. Then, shine the light of Jesus!

1. You got an amazing grade on a spelling test!
2. You made an amazing time in the 50-yard dash!
3. You found a \$20 bill in your pocket!
4. Your best friend got moved to your class in school!
5. You saved enough money to buy a new game you really want!
6. Your family is going on vacation to your favorite place!
7. You are getting a puppy!
8. You got a solo in the school musical!
9. Your art project was chosen to be displayed in the front office at school!
10. Your favorite relative is coming to visit for a week!

What to Do:

Print on paper, one for each Small Group.

"Who" Activity Page

September 2024, Week 5, Small Group 2-3

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John wrote that God created everything in the whole universe through whom?

When Jesus came to earth, how did He arrive in the world?

Jesus said He is “The light of the _____?” (John 8:12)

True or False: Jesus spent time with the popular people and gave them gifts and money.

Name one of the amazing signs that Jesus did to show people Who He is.

Why were the religious leaders not happy with Jesus?

Jesus' friend John wrote that Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that _____. They will have _____."
(John 8:12, NIV)

What does it mean for us that Jesus is the light of the world?

In what ways does the light of Jesus help us grow?

How did Jesus meet our greatest need and bring us back into a relationship with God?

When we choose to follow Jesus, Who do we get to live with forever?

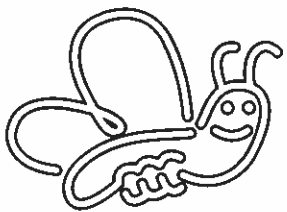
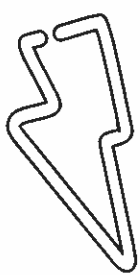
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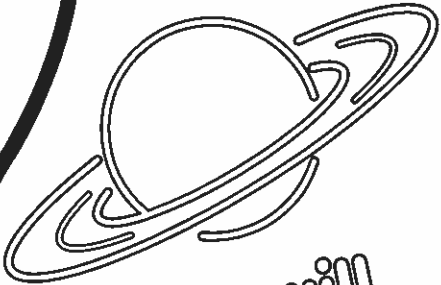
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1. John wrote that God created everything in the whole universe through whom? *(Jesus)*
2. When Jesus came to earth, how did He arrive in the world? *(as a baby)*
3. Jesus said He is: "The light of the _____?" (John 8:12) *(world)*
4. True or False: Jesus spent time with the popular people and gave them gifts and money. *(False—Jesus spent time with people who were considered outcasts and showed them God's love.)*
5. Name one of the amazing signs that Jesus did to show people Who He is. *(Answers may vary: He turned water into wine. He healed a sick man who could not walk. He fed more than 5,000 people with just five loaves and two small fish.)*
6. Why were the religious leaders not happy with Jesus? *(The people were following Jesus and not them.)*
7. Jesus' friend John wrote that Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that _____. They will have _____." (John 8:12, NIV) *(light, life)*
8. What does it mean for us that Jesus is the light of the world? *(Answers may vary: Jesus brings light to guide us in the right direction. We need Jesus to help us make wise choices.)*
9. In what ways does the light of Jesus help us grow? *(by showing us areas where we can grow to become more like Jesus)*
10. How did Jesus meet our greatest need and bring us back into a relationship with God? *(by taking the consequences of the wrong things, our sin, by dying on the cross for our sins)*
11. When we choose to follow Jesus, Who do we get to live with forever? *(God)*
12. Where have you seen the light of Jesus? *(answers will vary)*

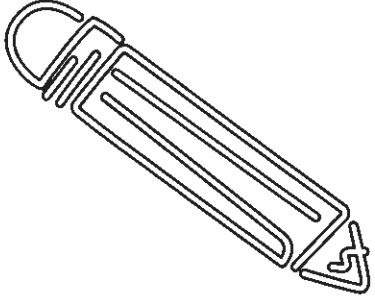
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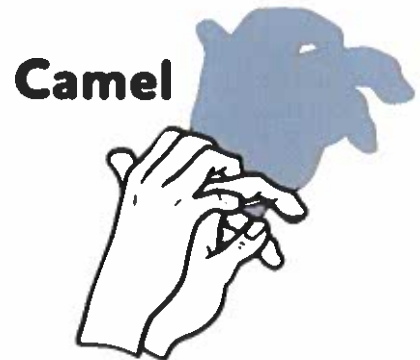
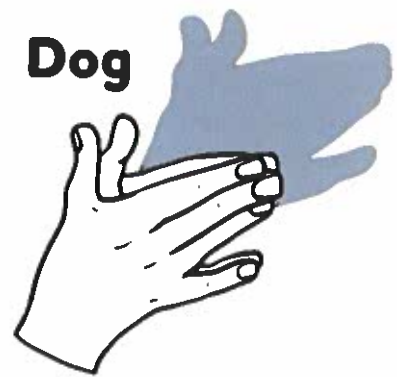
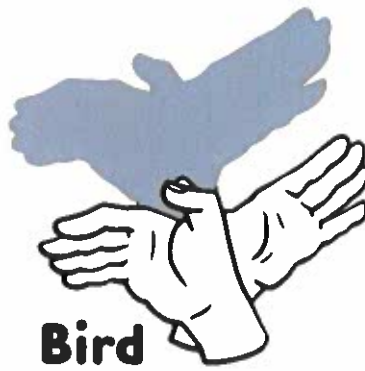
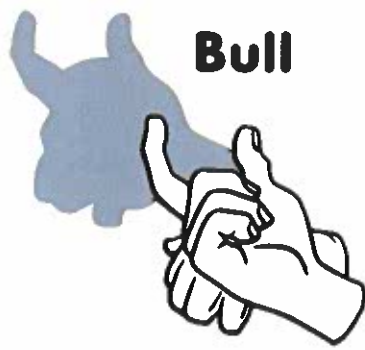
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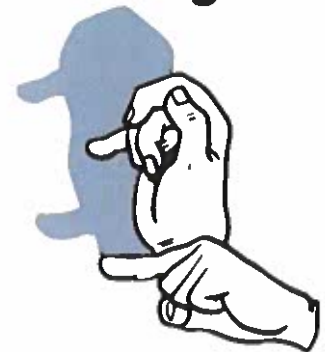
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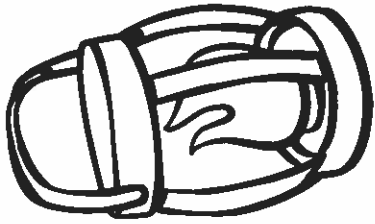


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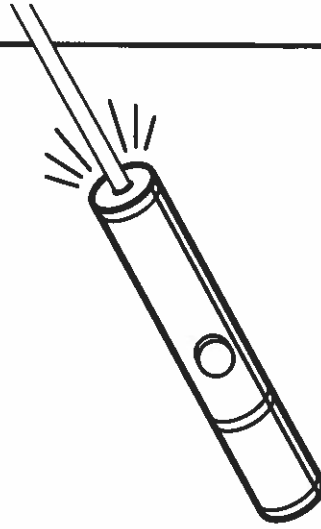


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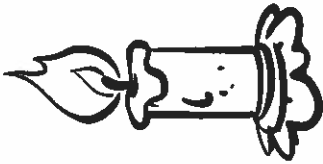
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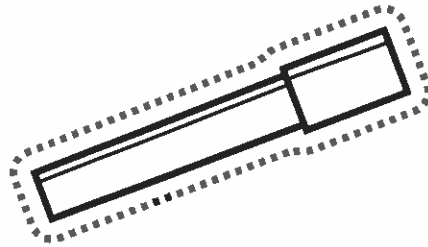
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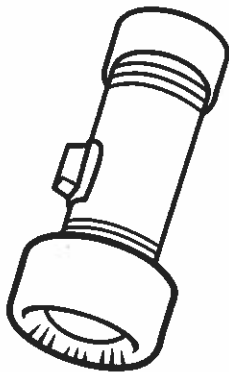
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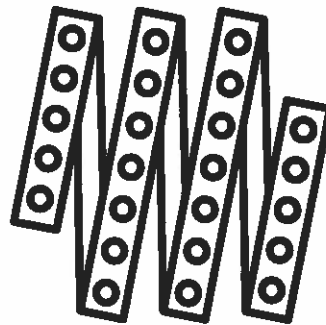
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