

MAIN POINT:

Jesus said, "I Am the Light of the World"

MEMORY VERSE:

"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10:14

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

In the book of John, Jesus made seven "I Am..." statements. The second was, "I am the light of the world." Jesus made this statement to testify that He was God and had authority to forgive. Adam and Eve brought the darkness of sin into the world. Sin lives in darkness. But Jesus was saying that He, as the light of world, would crush the darkness of sin and it would have no power over the people. He would die on the cross to pay the price for our sin. Those who follow Him will live with Him forever.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

DO IT → FLASHLIGHT CRAFT

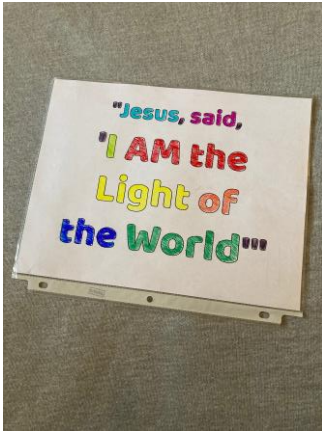
Supplies:

- Light of the World template (1 per child, see last pages)
- Flashlight template (1 set child, see last pages)
- Black paper (1 sheet per child)
- Scissors
- Coloured Sharpies or another type of permanent marker
- Sheet protector or large Ziploc-style freezer bag

Activity Instructions:

- Have children place the Light of the World template in the sheet protector or the Ziploc bag. Trace the image and colour it with the permanent markers. They can add additional colouring as they choose. (picture on next page)

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- Cut open the seam on the long side of the sheet protector or Ziploc bag.
- Take out the template, and replace it with the black paper.



- Cut out the flashlight template and colour it.
- Place the flashlight beam inside the sheet protector or Ziploc bag, between the black paper and the sheet protector. The white “beam” of the flashlight will reveal the message coloured on the bag.



TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

1. **What is the brightest light you have ever seen? What is the darkest dark you’ve ever experienced?**
(Discuss)

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2. **Darkness hides things really well, which is why we like to hide in the dark. It's also why we hide things that we feel shame or guilt about. We might hide our feelings. We might hide a bad test score. We might even hide ourselves by standing in a corner in a group of people. Jesus wants us to live in the light. Why do you think it's difficult to bring things we've been hiding in the dark, into the light?** (We might worry what others think of us, we might feel shame or guilt, we might think we're going to be in trouble, we might be embarrassed, it might feel too hard to share it with someone else.)

3. **We all have sin in our lives and we often want to hide it in the darkness. We don't want anyone to see it. Jesus is the light, and He helps us see our sin. Jesus wants our sins to be brought into the light by bringing them to Him. We confess our sins, and then He forgives our sin so we don't have to hide them in the darkness anymore. Is there a specific area in your life where you struggle not to sin, that you want brought into the light?** (These can be any thoughts, words, or actions that go against what God says in His Word is right.)

Note: In our story today, children were given an opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation. If your child made this decision, we want to celebrate with you! Please contact us at childrens@cschurch.ca so we can provide you with some resources.

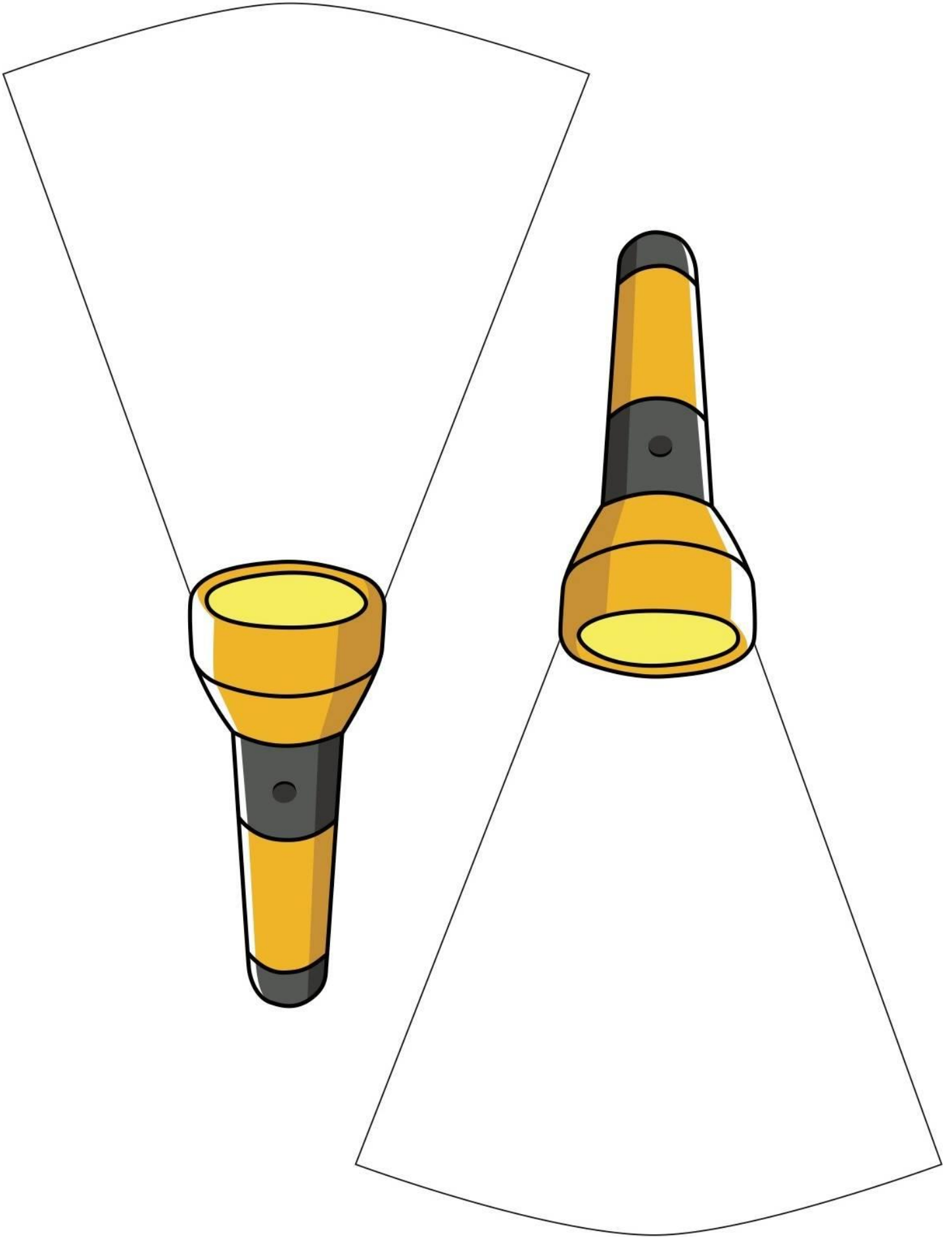
FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You that Jesus is the light of the world. We know that He paid the price for sin, so that it has no power. Please help us bring the things we want to hide, into Jesus' light. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OFFERING:

Our Children's Ministries offering from January to March will be going to our Compassion Kids! Lluvia and Ulises live in Mexico, and our offering will help provide them with clothes, school supplies, and other important items.

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