

## Church at Home Pack –

23rd January 2022

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is*

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20: 30-31**

### **GATHER TOGETHER**

#### ***A prayer to start –***

Lord God, we approach your light.

The light that shines in the darkness of our world.

The light that searches the darkness of our hearts.

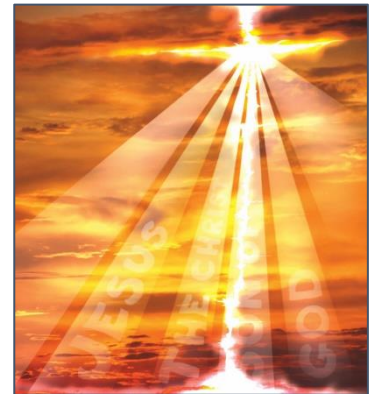
The light that banishes the shadows that surround us.

The light that causes some to turn away because they prefer the darkness.

But we lift our faces to your light and walk towards you.

Lord God, we approach your light.

**Amen.**



#### **Action reminder –**

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

John 8: 12-20



### International Children's Bible (ICB)



<sup>12</sup> Later, Jesus talked to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness. He will have the light that gives life."

<sup>13</sup> But the Pharisees said to Jesus, "When you talk about yourself, you are the only one to say these things are true. We cannot accept these things you say."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Yes, I am saying these things about myself, but they are true. I know where I came from. And I know where I am going. You don't know where I came from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge me the way you would judge any man. I don't judge anyone. <sup>16</sup> But if I judge, I judge truthfully. When I judge, I am not alone. The Father who sent me is with me. <sup>17</sup> Your own law says that when two witnesses say the same thing, then you must accept what they say. <sup>18</sup> I am one of the witnesses who speaks about myself. And the Father who sent me is my other witness."

<sup>19</sup> They asked, "Where is your father?"

Jesus answered, "You don't know me or my Father. But if you knew me, then you would know my Father, too." <sup>20</sup> Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the Temple. He was near the place where the money that the people give is kept. But no one arrested him. The right time for Jesus had not yet come.

### New International Version (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. <sup>16</sup> But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. <sup>18</sup> I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

<sup>19</sup> Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.



## WATCH TOGETHER



***Jesus is the Light of the World! – Graceplacekids:***

[https://youtu.be/zBPkEkO\\_pic](https://youtu.be/zBPkEkO_pic)



***Light of the World – ‘Awaken’ - RightNow Media:***

[https://youtu.be/aPGd\\_HVOock](https://youtu.be/aPGd_HVOock)



***Jesus – the Light of the World – Mat and Est:***

<https://youtu.be/ldv8r-ZnJF8>

## TALK TOGETHER

- How does light make you feel?
- What does light do, what difference does it make?

## STUDY TOGETHER

***Read: John 1:4-5***

How did Jesus “shine in the darkness”?

How does Jesus have life in him?

How is Jesus light for us?

What does Jesus help us to see and understand more clearly about the world?

What does Jesus help us to see and understand more clearly about ourselves?

How does following Jesus help us to have “light”?

***Read: John 3:19-21***

In this passage “light” means holiness and darkness means doing things that are bad or evil.

Why do people who do bad things dislike the light?

What does light show up?

Why do people who want to please God like the light?

Is it possible for us to do good things without God’s help?

Why does the Bible describe people who don’t want to follow God as “living in the dark”?

**Read: John 8:12**

What does Jesus mean when he says he is the light of the world?

How do we walk in darkness at the moment – what does this mean?

What is the “light of life”?

Why did the religious leaders get annoyed when Jesus claimed that he had light?

Did this mean that the Pharisees didn't have light in their lives?

Is it possible to be religious but not to have God's light?

**PLAY TOGETHER**



**Light Hunt**

Our homes are full of things that light up or have lights on them.

Go on a **Light Hunt** and see how many lights you can find.



You could even hide a piece of paper with JESUS written on it – who will recognise that this is the most important Light? – Maybe you could give a special prize to the person who spots it?!



**MAKE TOGETHER**

**Jesus is the Light of the World – Lantern or Suncatcher**

**You will need:**

Baking paper

Felt tipped pens

Glue or tape

Scissors



\*If making the lantern you will also need, a clean dry jam jar and a tea light candle (battery operated candles are a safe option for young children).

\*If making the suncatcher you will also need some stiff card to make a frame (something from the recycling box, like a cereal packet will do).

### Lantern:

Cut a strip of baking paper that will fit around the jam jar.

Draw a colourful design with the pens. You might like to include the words, 'Jesus is the Light of the World' on it.

Glue or tape your coloured baking paper to the jam jar.

Place a tea light candle inside and light it. Display it on a windowsill to shine out into the street.

(Don't leave it unattended)

### Suncatcher:

Cut a frame from your cardboard. You can colour it in or cover it in wrapping paper or similar if you like.

Cut a piece of baking paper that will fit the frame: Make sure your paper is big enough to be glued to the back of the frame when you have finished your design.

Draw a colourful design on your baking paper with the pens.

Glue your finished design to the back of the frame.

When it's dry hang it in a window and when the sun shines through it your colours will shine brightly!



### SING TOGETHER

**He is the Light** – Lifetree Kids:

<https://youtu.be/fzoOmdZrxr8>

**Light of the World** – Hillsong Kids:

<https://youtu.be/Unmq4vNjrnQ>

**John 8:12 – The Light of the World**- Seeds Family Worship:

[https://youtu.be/\\_rlclbzomU](https://youtu.be/_rlclbzomU)

**The Light of the World** – Stuart Townend, feat. Cathy Burton:

<https://youtu.be/N9kvevDbEw8>

**The Light of Christ** – (Don Moen) Divine Hymns:

<https://youtu.be/6FqdoUR0-iY>

## REFLECT TOGETHER



The next time the sun shines through your window, stand with your back to it and look at the shadow you cast on the wall.

The Pharisees could not see who Jesus was. They couldn't see his truth; they could not see his light. It was as if they were in shadow.

Are there any areas of your life that are in shadow? Where do you need Jesus to shine his light?

Turn to face the sun:

Feel its warmth and see the brightness of the light.

Ask Jesus to show you where you need his light.

## PRAY TOGETHER

Through the night and through the day,

When I work and when I play,

**Jesus, shine on me.**

When I eat and when I drink,

When I speak and when I think,

**Jesus, shine on me.**

**Amen.**

Jesus, the light that shines in the darkness,

Shine in our lives and help us to see what we should do.

Shine in our hearts when we are lonely, sad, scared or hurting.

Shine through us into the lives of other people.

Light up the world with your glory, full of grace and truth.

In the name of Jesus, the true light,

**Amen**

Lord of Light,

**Shine in the darkness.**

For those who live dark lives through poverty or hunger,

Lord of Light,

**Shine in the darkness.**

Lighten the hearts of those without a glimmer of hope.

Lord of Light,

**Shine in the darkness.**

Burn like a fire for those who are cold or homeless.

Lord of Light,

**Shine in the darkness.**

Help us to share your light with others.

Lord of Light,

**Shine in the darkness.**

**Amen**

## **DO TOGETHER**

One evening when it's gone dark, take a torch and stand outside in your garden, or stay inside and turn all the lights off. Notice how dark it is and then turn your torch on.

Remember Jesus' words:

***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."***

***(John 8:12)***

Thank Jesus for lighting up your life and showing you the way to go.



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