



**December 22, 2024**

**I am Never Alone**

**Kindergarten - 5th grade**

**Leader Notes**

**Bible Passage:** The Light of the World Has Come- John 1:1-18

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is the Light of the World.

**Leader Context:** Because of Jesus, anyone who believes in Him can have a new name and a new identity. Jesus says everyone who believes in Him is called a child of God. (Read John 1:4-5.) Today, we're teaching kids that Jesus came to be light and truth. Jesus brings hope, joy, peace, and security in the darkness of the world.

Following Jesus means we never have to fear darkness because He is always with us.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

**Social**

**Games and Music (10 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, "Paired Play Dough" printable (1 per group), "Allergy Alert" printable (1 per group), Play dough (several), Disposable gloves (several, optional) Flashlight (1 per group), Music and music player (1 per group)

**What You Do:**

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

**Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

**Bible Story Recap- Say This**

What a great story from the Bible! Jesus came from heaven to be our light and hope. He is the Light of the World! Repeat that after me, "Jesus is the Light of the World." (Jesus is the Light of the World.) Because of Jesus, anyone who believes in Him can have a relationship with God.

**Videos**



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**Gospel Connection:**

**(Circle two)** The Bible tells us that this world is full of darkness. Everyone, ask, “Why?” (*Why?*) The darkness is because of our disobedience to God. Everyone has sinned and chosen to disobey God. We call that *sin*—when we choose to do what we think is best rather than following what God says is best. Because of sin, our world is broken, our relationships with other people are broken, and our relationship with God is broken. *We* are broken. The Bible says that our sin must be punished. That punishment is death and separation from God forever.

**(Circle three)** But God loves us! He wants to be with us and have a relationship with us. That’s why He sent Jesus. Jesus is the Light of the world. That means He is the light or the hope in the darkness. Jesus died on the cross and then rose again to take the punishment for our sin. He is the King of everything, and He made the way for us to have a relationship with God. Everyone, say, “Amazing!” (*Amazing!*) Because Jesus has defeated sin and death, we can be forgiven of our sin and have a relationship with God. All we must do is turn away from our sin, ask God to forgive us, and trust in Jesus.

**(Circle Four)** When we turn away from sin and trust in Jesus, the Bible says we become children of God. We have a new identity! Being a *child of God* means we are a part of God's family and get to live with Him both now and forever.

That is why Jesus is called the Light of the world. Everyone, say, “Jesus is the Light of the world!” (*Jesus is the Light of the world!*) Jesus brings us hope of forgiveness and a right relationship with God. When we have a relationship with God, we can know we are never alone. Say, “I am not alone!” (*I am not alone!*) If you have any questions or want to know more about trusting and following Jesus, talk with me or your Campus Leader.

## Light of the World (20 minutes)

**Big Goal:** Remember that Jesus is the Light of the world.

**Supplies:** Light of the World Printable (1 per kid), markers, crayons, pencils

**What To Say:** When it is dark outside you can look for the Christmas lights on people's houses and on your Christmas Tree. What does the light help you remember? Looking at a shining Christmas tree topper in the dark can remind us of Jesus. The Bible says that because of our sin—which is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best—the world is a dark and broken place. The Bible also calls Jesus the Light of the World. Knowing Jesus in this world is like seeing this bright tree topper in the dark—He draws us close and gives us hope. Jesus is our light in the darkness.

Today you are going to decorate a Reindeer with lights. In each of the lights I want you to draw or write something you know about Jesus. Think about ways you know you are never alone and things you see that remind you of Jesus, especially at Christmas. When you are done filling each light bulb with a picture or words, then you can use lots of colors to make it bright.

**Leader Tip:** Ideas to fill in the blanks: Hugs from others, Bible, Songs, Christmas Lights, Friends, Creation, Prayers, Acts of Kindness, Smiles, The Cross

**Loud And Clear:** Being the Light of the world means that Jesus provides light in every dark situation. The next time you feel like darkness surrounds you—maybe you feel lonely or afraid—remember that Jesus is there with you shining His light. You are never alone! Point to yourself, and say, "I am never alone!" (I am never alone!) Point to your neighbor, and say, "You are never alone!" (You are never alone!) Look at a light, and say, "Jesus is the Light of the world!" (Jesus is the Light of the world!)

## Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think some people are scared of the dark? What happens when they turn on a light? What do they see? How do they feel? *(Allow kids to share their answers. The question is asked in such a way that they don't have to share if they specifically are afraid, but kids could share that anyway. Be careful to guide kids away from making fun of other people's fears.)*
- Why do people like to decorate their Christmas trees with lights? How can light remind us of hope in Jesus? *(Allow kids to share their answers. Share your own answer to encourage kids to open up and connect.)*
- The Bible tells us that because of Jesus, the Light of the world, we are never alone! Let's open our Bibles to **John 1:1-5** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What happens to darkness when you shine a light? What does it mean that the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it? *(Allow kids to share answers. This is an abstract concept, so encourage creative answers.)*
- Jesus came to be the Light of the world! He came to bring us hope for a relationship with God. When we trust in Jesus, we can be called children of God. What does it mean to be a part of God's family? *(Allow kids to share their answers.)* If you want to know more about how to become a child of God by trusting in Jesus, please come talk to me! The joy of Christmas is that people who were walking in darkness now see the Light of the world!
- The Bible tells us we are never alone because Jesus, the Light of the world, came to earth at Christmas. Who knew you could "unwrap" light? What a cool truth we unwrapped today about Jesus! What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* Let's pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God, thank You for rescuing us through Jesus, Your Son. Jesus alone takes our punishment for sin and brings hope for a relationship with You. Thank You for that sacrifice. Help us tell others about the Light of the world this Christmas! Amen.*

Sometimes our world seems so dark because of our sin and disobedience. Sin leads to hard circumstances and broken relationships. But Jesus came into that darkness to shine His light of hope! With Jesus, we can be forgiven and have a relationship with God. With Jesus, we can know that we're never alone. Say, "Jesus is the Light of the world!" (Jesus is the Light of the world!)

## Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.