



## Family Study • Activities • Reflection • Parent Guide

John 8:12 (KJV) • Elementary homeschool & family devotion

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# 1. Meet the Light

TEACH

## John 8:12 - KJV

**“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”**

Read it twice. On the second reading, circle: light • followeth • darkness • life.

## What Jesus is teaching

- Jesus is not describing an ordinary lamp. He is telling us who He is and what following Him changes.
- Light helps us see what is true. Jesus leads us toward truth, obedience, hope, and life.
- Darkness here is a spiritual picture of sin, confusion, and separation from God - not simply nighttime.

## Big idea

**Following Jesus means trusting His truth enough to walk where He leads. We do not earn His light by being perfect. We follow the One who gives the light of life.**

## 2. Model It: Flashlight Thinking

MODEL

### A simple picture

Imagine walking through a dark room. A flashlight does not change the furniture. It helps you see where the furniture really is so you can walk wisely.

**Jesus does something far greater: He reveals truth about God, about sin, about love, and about the way to life.**

*Picture first. Truth second. Action next.*

### Daddy Ryan models the thought process

- 1. Notice**      What is happening? What choice is in front of me?
- 2. Ask**        What does Jesus teach that helps me see this clearly?
- 3. Follow**     What faithful action matches His truth?
- 4. Shine**      How can my choice help someone else see kindness and truth?

### Try this example

A friend is being left out. The easy choice is to ignore it. The light-filled choice is to invite them in, because Jesus teaches us to love others.

### 3. Guided Practice: Light or Shadow?

GUIDED PRACTICE

#### Mission 1

**Someone breaks your pencil and says it was an accident.**

What would honesty + forgiveness look like?

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#### Mission 2

**You know the answer, but another student is being laughed at.**

How could courage + kindness shine?

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#### Mission 3

**You made a mistake and want to hide it.**

What would walking in truth look like?

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#### Sentence starter

“Jesus’ light helps me see that I should \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.”

## 4. Independent Mission: Follow the Light

INDEPENDENT MISSION

### Your real-life mission

Choose one real situation from today. Describe only what you need in order to think through your choice.

What happened?

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What truth from Jesus helps you see clearly?

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What choice will you make?

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How could that choice help someone else?

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### Memory verse practice

Copy the key phrase from John 8:12:

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### Mastery check

- ☐ I can explain why Jesus used light as a picture.
- ☐ I can use John 8:12 to guide a real choice.
- ☐ I can tell the difference between Scripture and an illustration.

### Three-minute flashlight check

- PAUSE - Name the choice or problem.
- PRAY - Ask Jesus for wisdom and a heart willing to obey.
- READ - Find one clear Bible truth that applies.
- PROCEED - Choose the faithful action.

### Kindness Light Hunt

- ☐ Help without being asked
- ☐ Tell the truth quickly
- ☐ Include someone
- ☐ Pray for someone
- ☐ Encourage a sibling or friend

### Family reflection

At the end of the day, ask: "Where did we see Jesus' truth help us make a better choice?"

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## 6. Compare & Discern

MASTERY

### Which path matches the light?

**Situation**

**Shadow choice**

**Light-filled choice**

You are blamed

Blame someone else

Tell the truth calmly

Friend is lonely

Walk past

Invite them in

You fail

Hide it

Ask for help and try again

Sibling annoys you

Say something cruel

Use patience and truth

### Explain your reasoning

Choose one row above. Why is the light-filled choice better than the shadow choice? Use a Bible truth in your explanation.

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### Extension

Read Psalm 119:105 (KJV). How is God's Word like a lamp for your feet?

# 7. Create: My Light-of-the-World Lantern

CREATIVE EXTENSION



## Color • Write • Remember

Color the lantern. In each glass panel, write one way you can follow Jesus' light in your life. You can draw a picture too!

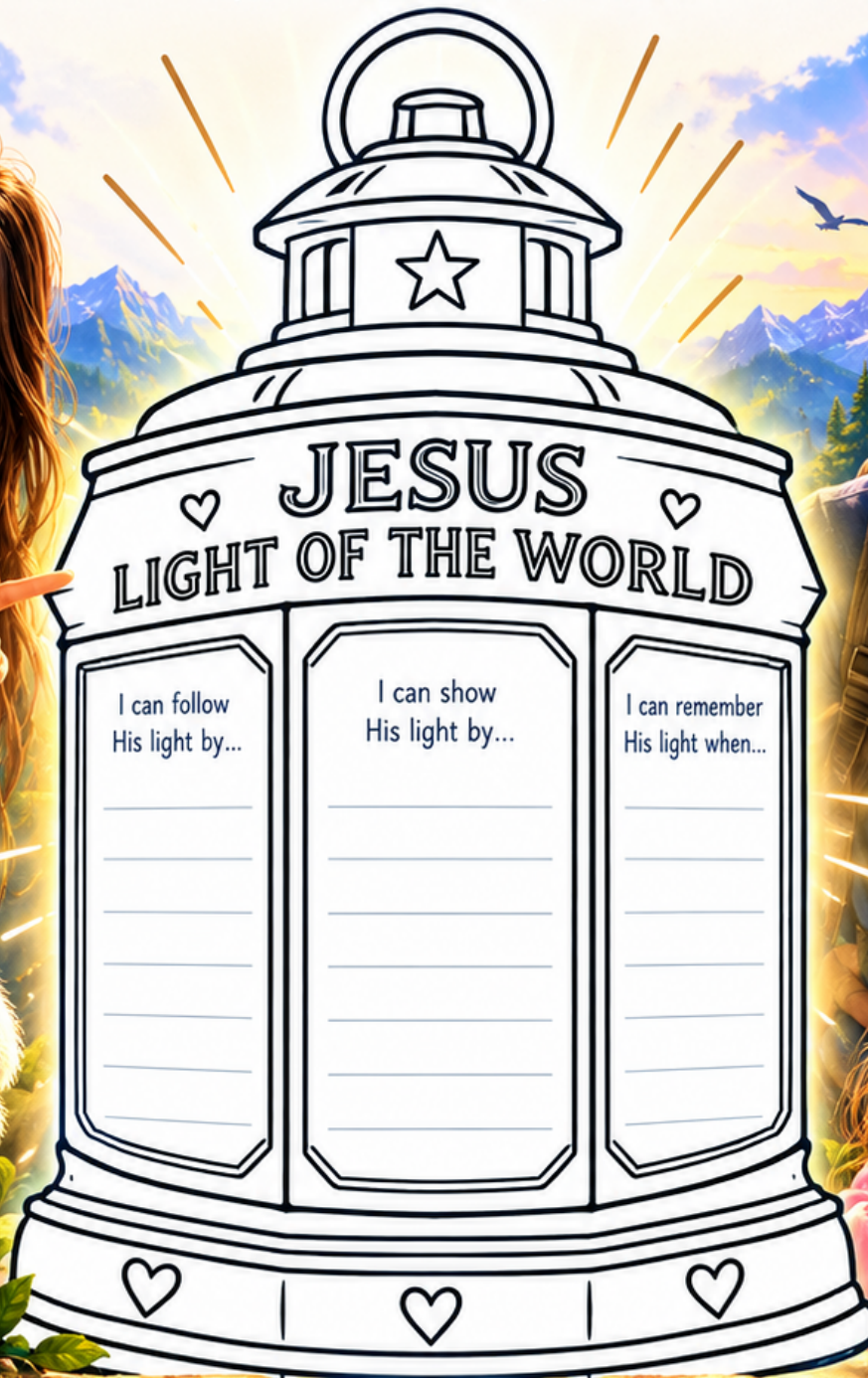
His Light  
helps me  
see the next  
faithful step!



Let Your  
Light Shine!



Matthew 5:16  
(KJV)



Walk  
in His Light  
Every Day!



"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying,  
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shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

— John 8:12 (KJV)



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### What to listen for

- A strong answer connects Jesus' "light" with truth, guidance, life, and faithful following.
- Kids do not need theological vocabulary. Look for accurate ideas in their own words.
- Correct gently if "darkness" becomes merely "being scared at night." In John 8, the contrast is spiritual and moral.
- Do not treat imaginative dialogue as Scripture. Only words actually in the Bible should be labeled as Jesus' words.

### Guided-practice sample answers

- Broken pencil: tell the truth about how you feel, forgive the accident, and ask for a replacement or help.
- Student mocked: speak kindly, include them, or ask an adult for help.
- Mistake: admit it, apologize if needed, and make it right.

### Mastery target

**The learner can explain John 8:12 in age-appropriate words and apply the truth to one real-life decision without confusing an illustration with Scripture.**

### Four truths to remember

- Jesus is the Light of the World.
- Following Him means trusting His truth and walking where He leads.
- God's Word helps us see the next faithful step.
- Our choices can reflect His light to other people.

### Family prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the Light of the World. Help us love Your truth, follow You faithfully, and show Your kindness to the people around us. Give us courage when the right choice is hard. Amen.

### Next adventure

Read John 9 and notice how Jesus brings light in a different way when He heals the man born blind. Ask: What can physical sight teach us about spiritual sight?