

# Jesus is the Light of the World

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**Ask:** When you walk into a room with no windows and the lights are turned off, can you see anything? (No, because it's dark!) What happens if you flip on the light switch? (It lights up the room - the darkness goes away!)

## Read John 3:16-21

Verses 16-18 could be summarized like this...God loved us, so He sent Jesus to die in our place. If we believe in Jesus and are born again, we will have everlasting life. Jesus came to save us from sin and death by dying on the cross in our place.

Look again at verses 19-21. Who is the light in these verses? What is the darkness that people love instead of Jesus? (Sin)

When people like to sin and do bad things, they do not want to be near Jesus and be in the light. When they sin, if they come near Jesus they will see how bad their sin is. People who like to sin do not want it pointed out that their sin is bad.

**Ask:** Have you ever taken an extra cookie or piece of candy when you were told not to? That would be stealing, which is a sin, and you were also disobeying. But you probably liked taking the extra cookie, because you really wanted it and it tasted good. Now, think back again - did you get caught when you stole the extra cookie or piece of candy? When you got caught in your sin, you didn't like it. People who are not followers of Jesus like to sin, until they get caught. They like to live in the darkness.

Read verse 21 one more time. If you believe in Jesus, then you will hate sin and you will want to stay in the light close to Jesus.

**SUNDAY STUDIES**  
*for Kids*

Think back to our first question about the light switch and it being dark in the room. What happens when you turn on the light? (The darkness goes away.) That is how it is with Jesus, because He is the Light. When we follow Jesus and we walk with Him, we want to stay far away from darkness. Yes, we will still sin, but we will no longer want to sin. We will hate the darkness of sin and love the light of Jesus.

### **Activity: Light Switch Craft**

1. Measure the dimensions of a single light switch cover in your home. Draw a rectangle of the same dimensions on a piece of blank, white paper.
2. Draw a smaller rectangle in the center that will be cut out by the children to fit over the actual switch.
3. Trace over the two rectangles with a black marker. Make enough copies for each child.
4. Encourage your children to decorate their template, following the lesson.
5. When they finish decorating, cut out the light switch cover and the hole for the switch.
6. Help your child tape the cover over their light switch to help them remember that Jesus is the light of the world.