

<u>Children of Light (Eph 5:8-14) – Light #3</u> Sunday, December 21, 2025

...God is light... 1 John 1:5 NKJV I am the light of the world... John 8:12, 9:5 NKJV

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Children of light are followers of Jesus

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You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14 NKJV

Children of light walk in the Spirit not in darkness

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), Ephesians 5:9 NKJV

finding out what is acceptable to the Lord . Ephesians $5:10\ NKJV$

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:11 NKJV

For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. Ephesians 5:12 NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Galatians 5:22 NKJV

For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. John 3:20 NKJV

But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." John 3:21 NKJV

Children of light reflect Jesus' light

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Ephesians 5:13 NKJV

Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." Ephesians 5:14 NKJV

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the **light** of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the **light** of life." John 8:12 NKJV

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 NKJV

that you may become blameless and harmless, **children of** God without fault in the midst **of** a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as **light**s in the world, Phil 2:15 NKJV

This Week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

Dec 21– Matt 23, Family Focus – Matt 23:1-12

Dec 22- Deut 6, Family Focus - Deut 6:4-9

Dec 23 - Reflection & Prayer

Dec 24- Matt 24, Family Focus - Matt 24:42-46

Dec 25- Matt 25, Family Focus - Matt 25:14-30

Dec 26- Matt 26, Family Focus - Matt 26:36-46

Dec 27- Matt 27, Family Focus - Matt 27:27-37

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In this series we learn that Jesus was born on Christmas, and that God gave Jesus to us. We discover all about the birth of Jesus, and that Jesus is God's son sent to earth for us.

Memory Verse: Jesus is God's Gift" Isaiah 9:6a

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is God's Gift of Love

Parent Connect: As a family, gather around and read the story of Jesus birth in Matthew 1-2, or Luke 1-2. Have your kid point out every way this story shows us that Jesus is God's gift!



In this series, we will learn of the great gift God gave to the world, His son Jesus! We will learn how an angel of the Lord visited Mary and Joseph, how they traveled afar to Bethlehem where Jesus was born in a manger, praise the King!

Memory Verse: "And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Deserves Our Worship | Luke 1,2:1-20, Matthew 1:18-25

Parent Connect: Today we learned how shepherds were visited by an angel who told the good news. Baby Jesus, our savior is born! The shepherds then visited to worship the newborn king! Talk to your kid about different ways to worship; singing, giving, praying, etc! How can you worship Jesus this Christmas season?



This Christmas season, we are praising the Light of the World as we explore the true meaning of Christmas. We'll discover how Jesus, like a brilliant star, came to bring hope and joy to a dark world, and how his light can shine in each of our hearts. We are going to walk through the Old and New Testaments to reveal the Light of the World and how we can shine our lights today.

Memory Verse: "Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." John 8:12

Heart of the Lesson: We can share the light | Luke 2, Matthew 5

Parent Connect: Today, we talked about the shepherds that were some of the first to share the news that Jesus had been born. We too can be like the shepherds and spread the Good News! Find a local outreach opportunity to participate in with your family and spread the Good News to those who haven't heard!



As we wrap up One Vision, we're focusing on the truth that God brings LIGHT into the world. From the very beginning, God promised to send Light into darkness. At Christmas, Jesus came as the Light of the world. And now, because of Him, we get to shine that light to others. As we move through this Christmas season, we want G56 students to understand who God is, who Jesus is, and who they are as children of the Light.

Memory Verse: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1:5

Heart of the Lesson: We can shine the Light of Jesus to others - Ephesians 5:8-10, Matthew 5:14-16

Parent Connect: Over winter break, brainstorm some options as a family and choose a way to shine the Light of Jesus to others this week:

- Shovel a neighbor's driveway/walkway
- Write a note to a grandparent or relative
- Donate a gently-used game or book
- Volunteer at a ministry like Shelter KC or Freedom Fire