

# Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.

Read: John 8:12

DAY

1

## A Bright Light

Jesus was the bright light in the story of the world. Look toward the sky and search for the sun. Like the sun, Jesus lights up the whole world. Walk around your home outside and see what the light is touching. Name the things you can see and thank Jesus for them.

**KNOW** that Jesus is the light of the world.

DAY

2

## Lit Up

With a crayon on white computer paper, draw a picture of yourself. When finished, flip the paper over so you can no longer see your drawing. Take the paper, still backward, to a window, and hold it against the light. Now that the light is shining through it, can you see your drawing again?

Just like that, when we hold ourselves toward the light (Jesus) we can see who we are made to be!

**THANK** Jesus that because of Him we can shine bright.

DAY

3

## Light of the World

Jesus is the light of the world! Read John 8:12 with a friend. Talk together about all that Jesus does to light up your life!

**LOOK** for people in your life that Jesus uses as a light to point you towards Him.

DAY

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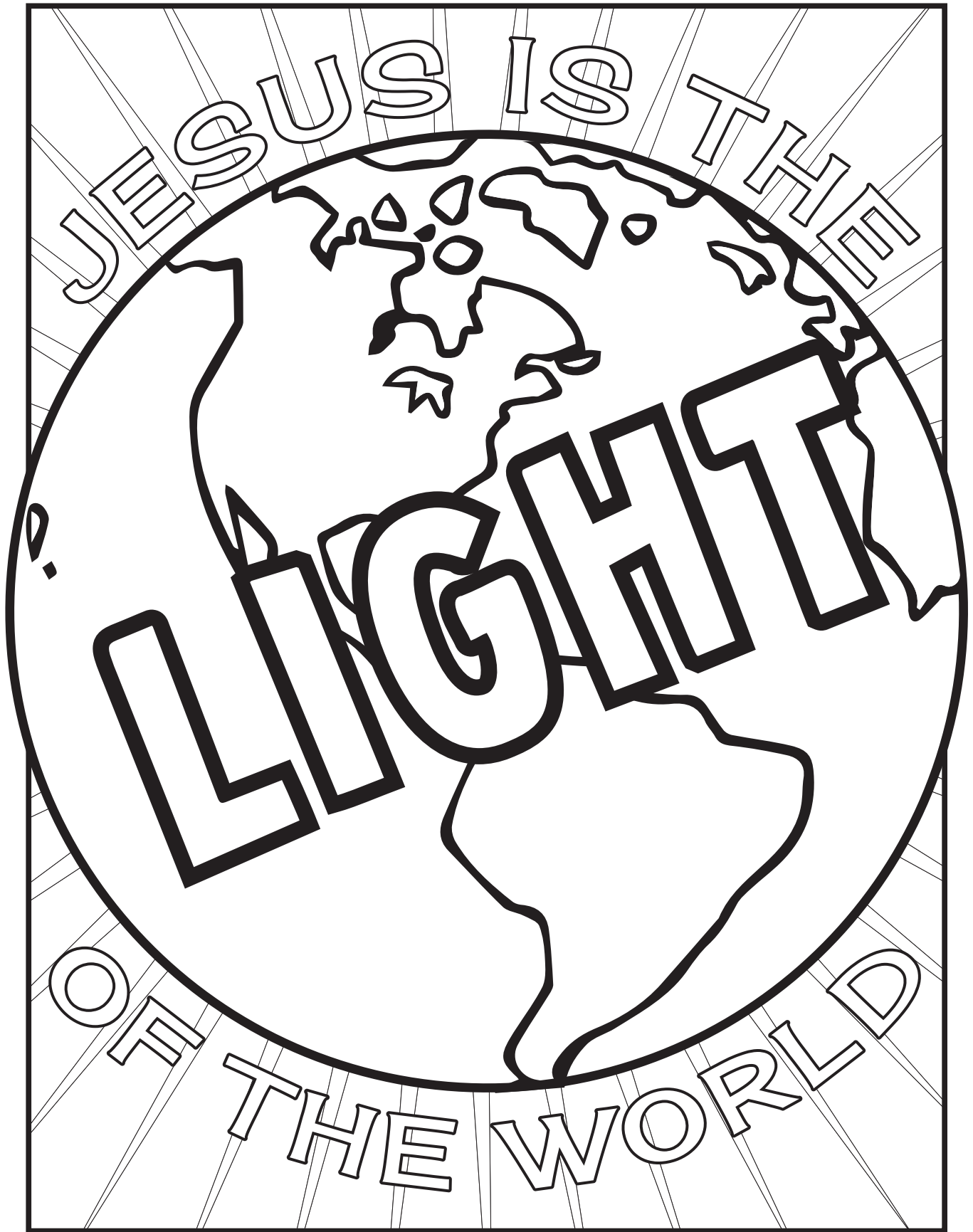
## Light in Darkness

Read this prayer out loud:

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"Dear Jesus, You are the light in the darkness. You were made to shine. Help me to learn to shine bright and to be a light to others around me. Please give me chances to help others with what I have and to be what others need. I thank You for being an example to me. I love You, Jesus. Amen."  
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**ASK** Jesus to help you shine!

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Have you ever had a goldfish? Ever wonder what makes that goldfish seem to glow? Light! If you were to place your goldfish bowl in a dimly lit room, your once "golden" goldfish would become dull and drab!

Jesus is the light of the world! When we follow Jesus and live as He's called us to live, we'll shine His light to others. That means we need to stay close to Him by reading His word, talking to Him in prayer, and spending time learning about God with our small group. If we want to shine, we need to stick close to Jesus, the light of the world!

### Schedule Change

Think of two changes you can make to your daily routine that will help you draw closer to God. Maybe you could get up a few minutes early and complete this devo before school. Or maybe you could start praying or listening to worship music on the way home from school.

## DAY 2

### Read Revelation 21:23

Can you imagine a world with no sun or moon in the sky? Just think about how your mood changes when you face one cloudy, dreary day after another. Today's verse tells us about a city that won't need the sun OR the moon!

The book of Revelation was written by John, one of Jesus' disciples. God gave John a vision or picture of heaven. One day, when we live with God forever, we won't need the sun because the glory and wonder of God will be all the light we need! And we won't need the moon either because there will be no night. God will shine so bright, and Jesus will be the lamp.

This week, each time you feel the sun on your face or gaze at the moon in the night sky, thank God for showing compassion toward you and ask for help to show compassion to others.

DAY 3

### Read I John 4:10

God loved us enough to send Jesus to rescue us. Did you know you needed to be rescued? It's true. Sin, the wrong things we all do, gets in the way of our relationship with God. But because God LOVED us, Jesus came to be our Savior. Jesus took the punishment for our sins to rescue us and shine His light so that we can have a relationship with God forever.

Choosing to put your trust in Jesus is a really important decision. If you've already chosen to trust and follow Jesus, awesome. If you have questions, you can always talk to an adult you trust that follows God. Jesus is the light of the world, and He wants to be YOUR light, too.

DAY 4

### Read Psalm 96:3

#### Globe Trotting

Grab a globe or map. Spin it around or trace your finger over the page with your eyes closed and then stop. Open your eyes and read the name of the country you've landed on.

Jesus is the light who came to offer salvation to everyone. Jesus came for the people in the country you found on the globe. But He also came to shine His light and offer salvation to the people that you see each day.

Jesus loves. . .

the kid you sit next to on the bus.

the buddy you play with every day after school.

the people in your own family.

One BIG way you can show compassion to others is to show them Jesus. You do this by being a good friend, by treating them the way you want to be treated, by inviting them to church, and when you have an opportunity, by telling them that Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the  
light of the world.

# Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



**WHERE**  
**HAVE YOU SEEN**  
**THE LIGHT OF**  
**JESUS?**

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**Week Five**  
4th Grade



## Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

### 1. You liked:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

## 2. You learned:

Download it for free at  
[parentcue.org/app](http://parentcue.org/app).

Even if you already saw it at church,  
feel free to check it out again!

### 3. You'd like to know:

## A Devotional on Compassion.

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**everyday faith.**



## Day 2

Read John 8:12

Read John 8:12 out loud, and as you do, come up with motions and actions you can do to illustrate the verse (such as turning on and off lights).

Before Jesus was born, many of the Israelites expected Him to arrive as a king. But Jesus arrived as a helpless baby and went on to be a humble carpenter. As he got older, he began to teach and perform miracles—shining God's light in a different way than they expected, but shining nonetheless.

Jesus' words that John recorded in John 8:12 angered the religious leaders, who expected the Savior of the world to follow the same rules and traditions that they did. But Jesus was telling the religious leaders—and everyone else—that He is indeed God's Rescuer, sent to bring light to a dark world.

Once more, act out the words in John 8:12, this time thinking about how the words must have sounded to everyone who heard them.



## Day 4

## Where have you seen the light of Jesus?

Jesus' light shows up in our lives in different ways. Sometimes it might be through His people—others who also follow Jesus. Other times, it might feel like it was something straight from God—like an unexplained peace during a really hard time.

Try to remember a time when someone shined the light of Jesus in your life. Then reach out to that person and thank them for showing compassion to you. If you can do it in person, that's awesome! But you can also call them, text them, or write them a thank you note, expressing gratitude that they cared enough to do something about your needs.

## Day 5

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Answers: from us to God, from God to us, from God to us,  
from God to us, us to others, from God to us

# Day 3

We have so much to be thankful for when it comes to Jesus and the light He brought to the world.

And one of the best ways we can express that gratitude is by shining that same light to everyone around us. Fill in the blank with a time it's hard for you to have compassion. Then pray this prayer, thanking God and asking for help to show compassion.

**Dear God,** thank You for seeing the

biggest need the world had—the need for a Savior—and sending Jesus to

earth to die for our sins. That is the

biggest act of compassion the world

has ever seen! I want to follow Your

example of compassion. Sometimes

it's really hard to do that, especially

when \_\_\_\_\_

Please help me show compassion,

even when it's hard. And thank You for

meeting my needs every day. In Jesus'

Name, I pray. Amen.

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Now, choose a pair that you can do in the next day or two. Then, shine the light of Jesus!

- Bring them a treat
- Write them an encouraging note
- Offer to help with a chore or task
- Empty the dishwasher without being asked
- Offer to stay late and help clean up
- Wash their car
- Help them with homework
- Help them practice their sport or clean their room

- Grandparent
- Parent
- Brother
- Sister
- Friend
- Teacher
- Bus driver
- Coach