

KEY VERSES

John 1:1-5, 8:12, 17:17; 1 John 1:5

DESIRED STUDENT RESPONSE

God's plan is to awaken man's mind with truth. The students should realize that as they obey what truth (light) they have, God will reveal more truth.

LESSON DEFINITIONS

Enlighten: to share knowledge; to teach

Presented: to introduce; to bring to someone's attention

Revelation: something that is made known; discovered

Spiritual Darkness: not understanding the truth of God;
being blind to God's Word

Spiritual Light: understanding the truth of God;
seeing the truth of God's Word

Truth: fact; the real thing; honest; what is right

TEACHER PERSONAL STUDY NOTES:

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WORD SEARCH!

Find all twelve words hidden in the puzzle.

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REVELATION
LIGHT
DARKNESS
GOD

TRUTH
FAITH
FEAR
JESUS

LOVE
BIBLE
HOLY
WORD



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**REVELATION:
TRUTH IS
PRESENTED**

How did we first get God's Word?

REVELATION: TRUTH IS PRESENTED



CHILDREN’S EXTRA: SUGGESTED ACTIVITY

Teacher Explanation: At the beginning of week 1, give each student an envelope marked, “Urgent Message.” Help the children understand that the envelope is important and that they have a great responsibility to keep it safe. The envelope represents God revealing His Word to His people. It will be used each week to illustrate that greater responsibility comes with more Light that is given.

Congratulations! You have been personally selected by a very powerful secret organization (DTL-Darkness To Light task force) to carry out a special ops mission of the utmost importance. This mission is so important that people’s lives are at stake based upon you completing this mission. You have been given the mission to carefully protect a very important message. You are expected to tell certain people what this message says. Protect this message and bring it back each week for future instructions that you must carry out to complete Operation DTL.

Verse: John 8:12 “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.”

Week 1: Write John 8:12 in a place where the students can see it; review it with them. If they are unable to memorize the entire verse, emphasize, “Jesus is the light of the world.” Explain to them that this is the important message for week 1. It is not written down yet; it is only verbal, so this week the envelope is empty. Instruct the students to take this important message home and share it with their family members. Follow the instructions. Protect the empty envelope, and bring it back next week for additional orders.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever walked through a dark building at night time? It can be really scary because you can’t see where you’re going and you can’t see what else is in the room with you! Can you imagine living your entire life like that? Thank God for light that lets us see everything around us clearly!

READ: Genesis 1:3

ASK: Who Created light? (God)

LESSON ONE

READ: John 1:1-5, 1 John 1:5

ASK: What is **spiritual light****? (Understanding the **truth**** of God)

We also need to be thankful for **spiritual light****. Imagine trying to figure out what is right and wrong, who you can trust, or even what you’re supposed to do in life if you lived in **spiritual darkness****.

Teacher Note: *Illuminate* is defined by Noah Webster as “*to enlighten; to throw light on, to supply with light.*” Illumination is the process by which the Holy Spirit of God takes what a human being hears preached or what he reads from God’s Word and **enlightens**** his hearing or his mind (Rev. 2:7, 17). Each individual has been created with an innate awareness of God that God Himself desires to illuminate. It is an awareness of a darkness void of the light that only God’s dear Son, the true Light of the World, can fill (Jn. 1:9; Rom. 1:20). Even the most primitive, remote, and unlearned people all over the world have a belief system acknowledging a higher Power who requires appeasement and worship. We see that even nature itself screams of a higher Power that coordinates it all, a Creator (Ps. 19:1).

God has always had the ability to give light to the minds of those who seek after truth.

READ: John 17:17

ASK: What does this verse call God’s Word? (**Truth****)

READ: John 8:12

ASK: What does Jesus call Himself in this verse? (The light of the world)

However, sometimes God’s Word can seem hard to understand. This is when we need to ask God to **enlighten**** our minds with the power of the Holy Spirit. Then, we can see clearly to understand the Bible. But how did we get God’s Word to start with?

Teacher Note: God’s plan has always been to awaken man’s mind with truth by illumination. He has a four-part plan by which to do just that. Each piece of the whole plan is progressive, reaching a larger audience than the preceding pieces. Throughout these lessons, we will look at each of these pieces individually.

God first gave us His Word (**Spiritual Light****) through **Revelation****.

ASK: To whom did God give His Word to in each of these passages?

READ: Genesis 2:16-17 (The man—Adam)

Genesis 6:13-14 (Noah)

Genesis 17:9 (Abraham)

Exodus 9:1 (Moses)

In other words, God revealed His Word to people directly, out loud, and in person. Can you imagine what it would have been like to be there when God talked to Adam, Noah, or Abraham in the book of Genesis? What about the time when He actually wrote on a wall in Daniel chapter 5? The Old Testament prophets heard God speak to them all of the time, but most importantly, in the New Testament, we learn that Jesus (who was God in human form) spoke directly to thousands of people!

Teacher Note: God wanted man to know or have light about: The origin of man, His precepts, His laws, His judgments, His promises, His attributes, Prophecies, impending dangers, and direction. Man’s responsibility was to hear God’s Word, obey God’s Word, and pass on God’s Word to others.

CONCLUSION

All throughout Bible times, God revealed His Word directly to special men who then were obedient to God by sharing the light of His Word with everyone else! As God speaks to you through His Word, would you commit to listen, obey and pass it on to others?

In our next lesson, we will learn about how God’s Word continued to be shared throughout history!

** = indicates a defined word within the lesson under “Important Words”