



Come and see

RIVER KIDS TERM 1 TEACHING
I AM STATEMENTS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

I AM: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD - JOHN 8:12



Jesus is the light of the world which means he has the power to save and help us



We want our kids to leave with a strong sense that JESUS is POWERFUL to save them and help them resulting in strong confidence in Jesus' goodness and power and a desire to follow him

I AM the LIGHT of THE WORLD

PARENTS NOTES

- Reminder that these come out every second Sunday when our River Kids Video is out
- Check out the app Lectio for Families for more great opportunities for family discipleship
- We are asking kids to take turns in a fun new initiative called Peer Connections where they share about themselves, their favourite bible verse and what God is teaching them. Your child's POD leader will message you if your child has signed up.

Dates Coming Up:

Sunday 12 March - Prayer Stations

Sunday 26 March - Encounter Sunday

TEACHING IDEAS

I AM STATEMENT LOOK UP

Grab a bible and look up John 8:12 together. Ask the kids what they think that might mean when Jesus says he is the light of the world?

Ask: How does that relate to the story we watched in the River Kids video today (Jesus Heals the blind man in John 9)

OBJECT LESSON - Torch

Use a torch to remind the kids what it's like when it's dark and how helpful light is.

BIBLE VERSE LIGHT HUNT

Cut out [these bible verses](#) and hide them around the room. Using the torch search around the room together for them and then take time to read through the verses together. What is each person's favourite?

MORE TEACHING IDEAS

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Have someone in the family volunteer to be blindfolded and try do a household task.

Ask: how does it feel not being able to see? What if I made you leave this on all day?! (i'm not so don't worry) Imagine living your whole life like this! Just like the man in our story. How would that man feel do you think? scared? lonely?

Explain: Jesus is MIGHTY! what does that mean? it means he is super powerful and super strong and he can do anything to save us and he shows us this in how he makes the blind man see! (remove the blindfold) He brings the man into the light and now he doesn't have to feel scared anymore because he can see Jesus. And he gives this gift of light to us, we can follow Jesus and be confident in his POWER.

Pray - thanking Jesus and asking him to reveal his mighty power to others in your lives who don't know Him yet.