

DEVOTIONAL

for parents



In the dark, a world of neon colors comes to life. Whether it's the soft green of glow-in-the-dark stars or the bright colors of bioluminescent creatures, light can break through the darkness. When the world needed some light, God sent Jesus because he glows in the dark, and he can teach us how to shine with God's light, too! In this five-week series through the Gospels, we'll follow Jesus' life leading up to Easter to see some of the ways he can shine bright in our lives. As we explore, we'll see **Jesus is the light in the darkness**. We'll also learn how **we can choose Jesus** and **know God hears our cries**.

Want to learn and grow alongside your kid as we go through this teaching series? You can! Spend a few minutes each week **studying** the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, **praying** about what God wants to do in you and in your family, and **growing** by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1

We can shine God's light.

John 2:13–22; Matthew 5:14–16

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages of Scripture we'll be covering this week. **What stands out to you and why?**

PRAY

Ask God to reveal anything in your life that's preventing God's light from shining through you to others.

GROW

So what's your next step? Is there something you can change in your life to better reflect God's light? Could you do something in your community to help others see God's light more clearly? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2

Jesus is the light in the darkness.

Mark 14:12–26; John 3:16–21

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages of Scripture we'll be covering this week. **What stands out to you and why?**

PRAY

Ask God to shine a light on any part of your life that is currently dark.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to ask for help in an area where you're experiencing darkness? Do you need to shine a light on an issue you've been keeping hidden? Could you share with someone else how God has brought light into dark places in your life? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3

We can choose Jesus.
Mark 15:1–15; Jeremiah 31:31–34

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages of Scripture we'll be covering this week. **What stands out to you and why?**

PRAY

Ask God to help you follow Jesus closely in any big decisions you make this week.

GROW

So what's your next step? Are there changes you need to make in how you make decisions? Could you ask someone to help you make decisions that honor God? Is there a decision you need to make now that you need help with? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4

God hears our cries.
Luke 23:32–49; Psalm 31:9–16

STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages of Scripture we'll be covering this week. **What stands out to you and why?**

PRAY

Be honest with God about anything that's making you feel worried, afraid, or sad right now.

GROW

So what's your next step? Do you need to talk with a trusted friend about what you're feeling? Could you ask someone how they made it through a similar situation? How can you invite God into your current worries or stresses? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.