GET RICH: GOD'S LIGHT

LESSON #6

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TEACHER'S GUIDE

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: God's light helps us to see

Key Question: What does God want us to see?

Memory Verse: "For you were once full of darkness, but now you have light in the Lord." **Ephesians 5:8**

Overview: We're finishing our series called "Get Rich". We've learned a lot about being rich in God's love as we've looked at the book of Ephesians the last few weeks. We've learned that we are adopted into God's family, that we can grow in love for God as we get to know him more. We've learned that we can't brag about God's grace because it's his amazing gift he gives us. We've learned that we can be rich in peace because we can be friends with God through Jesus. And, we've learned about having good roots that help us to grow big and strong for God. Today, we're going to learn about how great God's light is in our lives. God's light helps us to see where we're going. Instead of walking around in the dark lost and scared, God's light leads us to him so we can be safe. God's light also helps us to grow. When Jesus lives in us, we will produce fruit that is good for us and that honors God. Things like love, patience and self control. And, God's light can shine through us for others to see, too. We can be lights for Jesus in a world that is dark and lonely. Our light can shine bright and lead others to find Jesus, too.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** Have you ever been really afraid of the dark? Where were you? Why is darkness scary?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read Matthew 5:16. How can you be a light for Jesus? What are some things you can do to point others to Jesus?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- ❏ Share prayer requests and pray as a class.
- ❏ Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

No one likes stumbling around in the dark. It's scary and you can really hurt yourself. That's why light is so important. It helps us to see! God's light helps us to see, to grow and to shine so others can find Jesus.

Answer: God wants to show us how to find Jesus and how to live to honor him.
Jesus is the light of the world. He came into a dark world full of sin to offer his gift of love and forgiveness. God wants every person to find their way to Jesus. He wants them to know why they need Jesus (sin) how they get Jesus (trust in him) and how to live to honor him. God has given us the Bible and the Holy Spirit so we can know how to live to honor God. It's doing things like being kind, loving, forgiving, and helpful.
Bonus Questions: Why do we need Jesus? What do we need to do to trust in Jesus? (confess our sins and ask Jesus into our hearts)
4-5th: What are some things you can do to honor God in your life?

Jesus is our light that saves us and leads us toward him. And, once we trust in Jesus, we can be a light for him to our friends and families. We can be a good example by being obedient to our parents and teachers, sharing our stuff, being kind and forgiving. And, we can also talk about Jesus with our friends and we can invite them to church. We should always look to point people to Jesus in our actions and with the words that we say.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities **2nd-5th**

Option #1

Blindfold Relay

- Tape lines to the floor for the relay, 2 next to each other and 2 across from those lines at the other end of the room.
- Have the class divide into two teams and have them line up behind the lines at one end of the room.
- Give the first person in each line a fabric strip to serve as a blindfold. Have the next kid in line help them tie it on.
- Then, have teams race to do the following:
    - Person blindfolded is lead by the next person in line to the other end of the room to cross the other taped line. Then, they have to turn around and be lead back to the other end.
    - The blindfolded kid takes off the blindfold and hands it to the kid who had just been leading them and then goes to the back of the line. Kid with blindfold races to put it on and is lead by the next person in line, down and back. Continue until everyone has had a turn. First team to get everyone through the relay wins.

Supplies needed

- Fabric strips or blindfolds, 2 per class

Bonus Activity:

Play **Find the Book.**

Have the class divide into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT

Books: 1 Kings, Proverbs, Acts

Option #2

Let Your Light Shine Craft

- Give each kid a paper plate half.
- Give each kid a candle template **(page 5)**.
- Give each kid a large craft stick.
- Have kids cut out the candle and verse.
- Have kids color the plate. Have them color the candle flame orange or yellow and the candle base another color.
- Have kids glue the candle to the craft stick.
- Have them tape the candle to the middle part of the back side of the plate (see image below).
- Have kids glue the verse onto the front of the plate.
- Encourage the kids to let the light of Jesus shine through them so that other people can find Jesus, too.

Supplies needed

- Small paper plates, cut in ½, 1 per kid
- Candle template (pg 5), 1 per kid
- Large craft sticks, 1 per kid
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Glue
- Masking tape

Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman.**

Words or phrases: Ephesians, Get rich, Bible

What the Light Does | Get Rich #6 (Kids)

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_____ helps us _____

Have you ever tried to find a toy in the dark? Or go to the bathroom without the lights on? It's hard, isn't it? Light is good, because it helps us to see things. Without light, we get hurt or lost or scared. But with the lights on, we can find our way.

Light makes things _____

Do you know how plants work? They start with a little seed and some dirt. Simple. And of course you need some water in there. But nothing will happen without light. Light is like the energy source for every plant. Without light, there's no root or branch or fruit.

Light _____ out everywhere

Think about what happens in a totally dark room. It just takes a teeny little light to wake up the night! Think about that: dark is everywhere, from wall to wall and even up to the ceiling. But turn on that little light, and it spreads everywhere.

That's the kind of light you have as a Christian, even if you're really small. You have something special! The light of Jesus is in you, and that's really big!

So, do you have the light of Jesus? Will you turn it on?

Answers: light, see, grow, shines

Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *Have you ever been really afraid of the dark? Where were you? Why is darkness scary?*
3. *Who is the Light that helps us to see where to go?*
4. *What are the fruits of the Spirit? Which one do you need to work on growing more in your life?*
5. *Read Matthew 5:16. How can you be a light for Jesus? What are some things you can do to point others to Jesus?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Bonus Questions: Use these passages to have more conversations this week.

1. *Read Psalm 119:105. What book is the Word that lights your path? How does the Bible help you to live for God?*
2. *Read Philippians 2:14-15. What are some examples of things people do that don't honor God? What are some examples of things that do honor God?*
3. *Read Galatians 5:22-23. How can each fruit of the Spirit help you to live to honor God?*

ACTIVITY PAGE #1
2nd-5th Grade

Kids

PUZZLE #1

Fruits of the Spirit

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Look for these words:

FAITHFULNESS
LOVE
JOY
PATIENCE
PEACE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
GENTLENESS
SELFCONTROL

BIG IDEA

KEY QUESTION

MEMORY VERSE

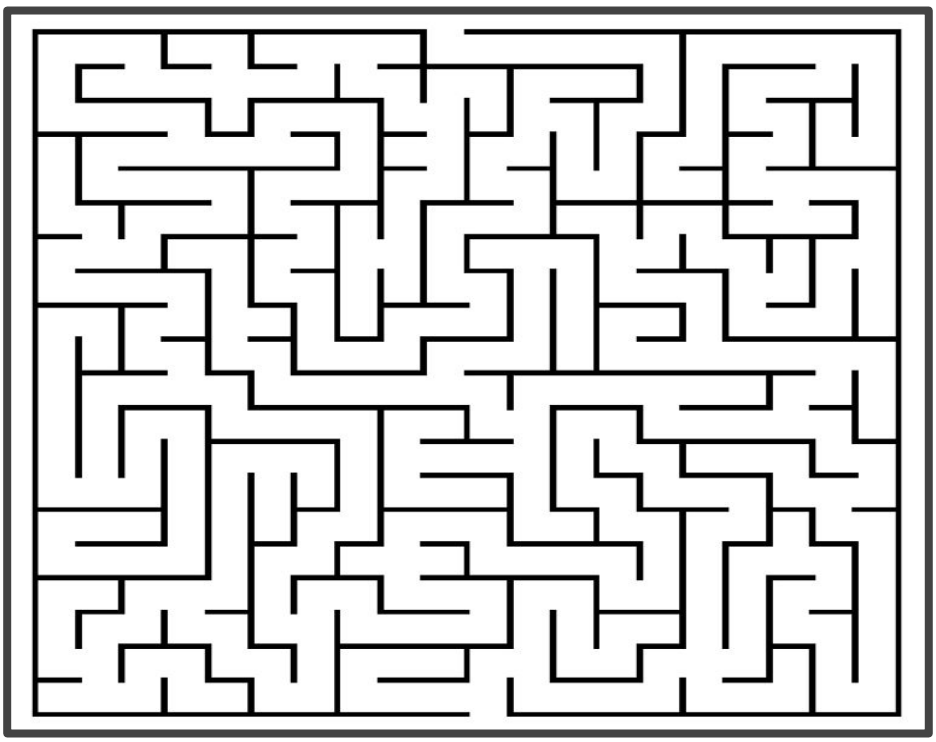
For _____ were once full of

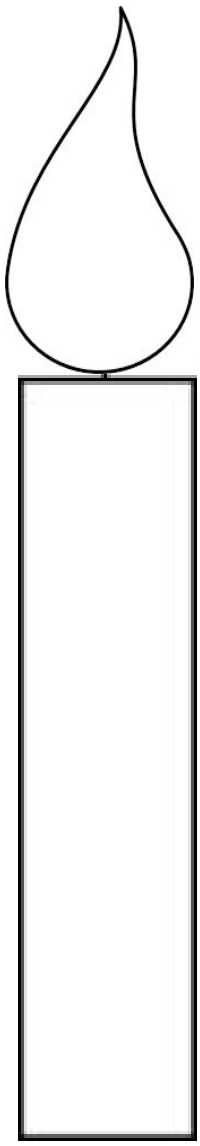
_____, but now you have

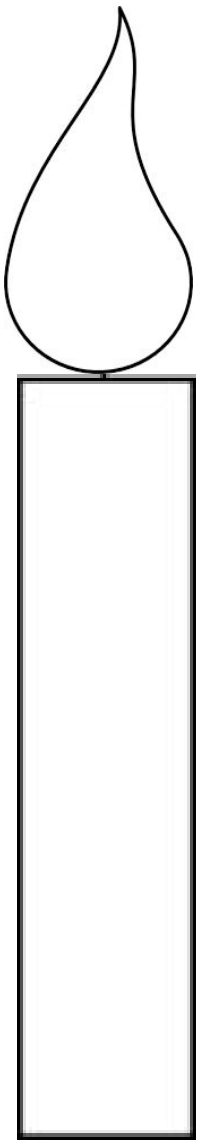
_____ in the _____."

Ephesians 5:_____

PUZZLE #2







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