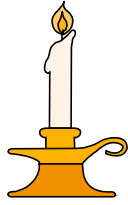


**“Light Your World”**

**Matthew 5:16**

**VBS Curriculum**



## SNL! VBS Schedule – “Light your World”

### Example

6:30-7:00 Opening Ceremonies in Youth Room (Rm 305/307)

- Welcome and rules (2 min)
- Worship (15 min)
- Object Lesson (3 min)
- Memory Verse & Wordless Book (10 min)

7:00-8:20 Ministry Stations – (20 minutes per group in each station)

- Bible Story
- Craft
- Snack and Memory Verse
- Game

8:20-8:30 Closing in Small Groups led by Age Group Leader

#### Age Groups:

Pre-K (4 yr olds to 5 yr olds)

K- 1rst

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Rotation Schedule for Ministry Stations:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Bible Station (Rm 110/112)</b>	<b>Craft Station (Rm 105)</b>	<b>Snack/Memory Verse Station (Rm 103)</b>	<b>Game Station (Mother’s Rm ) and Outside</b>
<b>7:00-7:20</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	K-1rst	PreK	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>7:20-7:40</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	K-1rst	PreK
<b>7:40-8:00</b>	PreK	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	K-1rst
<b>8:00-8:20</b>	K-1rst	PreK	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Closing Room Schedule:</b>				
<b>8:20-8:30</b>	PreK	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	1rst-2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>

VBS Week At A Glance – “Light Your World”

	<b>Opening Group</b>	<b>Memory Verse</b>	<b>Snacks &amp; Memory Verse Game</b>	<b>Story &amp; Bible Game</b>	<b>Game</b>	<b>Craft &amp; Wordless Book</b>
<b>Monday</b>	OL – Lighthouse Wordless Book	Psalms 27:1 “The Lord is my light & salvation”	Oreos Follow the Leader	Jesus’ Life Salvation Game	Review Wordless Book Dodge ball /Ball Games	Book: Dark, Red, White, Blue Magnets
<b>Tuesday</b>	OL – Flashlight Telephone Prayer	Matt. 10:27 “What I tell you in the dark, tell in the light”	Cheese Crackers Marching Orders	Daniel 2 Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream Prayer Ball	Review Wordless Book Blind man’s Bluff / Freeze Tag	Book: Green – Prayer Paint Tote bags
<b>Wed.</b>	OL – Lamp Word is a Roadmap	Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet & a light to my path”	Graham Crackers Mix it Up	2 Chronicles 34 Josiah & the Book Bible Drill Fun	Review Wordless Book Scavenger Hunt	Book: Green – Bible Ribbon Bookmarks
<b>Thursday</b>	OL – Candle Strength of Believers	I John 1:7 “If we walk in the light, then we fellowship with one another”	Chex Mix High Steppin	Mk 2:1-12 Friends bring paralytic to Jesus Christian Brotherhood	Review Wordless Book Team Relays	Book: Green – Church Candle Making Kit
<b>Friday</b>	OL – City on a Hill Wordless Bk	Matt. 5:16 “Let your light shine before men”	Goldfish Paper Pick	Matt. 5:14-16 Light the World Witnessing Fun	Review Wordless Book Water Day	Book: Yellow Cross Witness & Pins

# Opening Session

## Monday

**Object Lesson:** Lighthouse

Show a picture of a lighthouse and talk about how the lighthouse is there for the ships to be able to see the shoreline and cliffs when it is dark or there is a storm. If the boats did not see the light of the lighthouse, they may run into the rocky cliffs and the boat could be destroyed. What if the lighthouse did not turn the light on at dark or in a storm? It would be awful! When you know Jesus, you have the light because Jesus is the light and He is with us. It is important for us to share the light with others. We must tell others about Jesus. If you have not made Jesus the Lord of your life, then you do not have this life. We will talk today about how to get this light.

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 27:1

“The Lord is my light and salvation – whom shall I fear?”

**Wordless Book:** Explain the wordless book focusing on salvation and baptism today.

**Black** – Sin (We all have sinned and it keeps us from God)

**Red** – Blood of Jesus (Jesus died on the cross for our sins)

**White** – Clean heart (Jesus forgives us of our sins when we ask)

**Blue** – Water baptism (Picture of salvation)

**Green** – Growing in Christ (Prayer, Bible Study, church)

**Yellow** – Streets of heaven (Also to remind us we are the light of the world - tell others)

## Tuesday

**Object Lesson:** Flashlight

Turn the lights off in the room and then shine your flashlight so that you can see. Hey friends, it would be very dark if we did not have this flashlight! Boy, I am glad I had a flashlight so that we can see in the dark. What does a flashlight need? Batteries! Having the flashlight is not enough if it did not have batteries in it to give power to turn the light on! We are going to learn more about how to grow as a Christian so that we have the power to turn the light on and tell others about Jesus. One way to grow in Christ is through prayer.

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 10:27

“What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.”

**Wordless Book:** Explain the wordless book focusing on growth through prayer today.

**Black** – Sin (We all have sinned and it keeps us from God)

**Red** – Blood of Jesus (Jesus died on the cross for our sins)

**White** – Clean heart (Jesus forgives us of our sins when we ask)

**Blue** – Water baptism (Picture of salvation)

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### **Telephone prayer:**

All of us in this room have probably talked to someone we love on the telephone. It might have been talking to grandma, grandpa or maybe even mom or dad. When you talked on the phone, did one person do all of the talking? Hopefully you listened to what grandma or grandpa was saying before you talked. Well, talking on the phone is a lot like prayer. Prayer is how we talk to God and it is important to listen for what God has to say. Spend some time listening for God to speak to you in a still quiet voice. If you do all of the talking, you will not hear His voice.

## **Wednesday**

### **Object Lesson:** Lamp

Have a lamp in the room and plugged in with it as the sole light for the room. Talk about how the lamp lights up the room. With the light, we can see where we are and where to walk. At night, it is too dark to see in the house. But with a lamp we can still see. It lights the path for us. Today we are going to talk about something else that lights our path and shows us where to go.

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 119:105

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

**Wordless Book:** Explain the wordless book focusing on growth through Bible study.

**Black** – Sin (We all have sinned and it keeps us from God)

**Red** – Blood of Jesus (Jesus died on the cross for our sins)

**White** – Clean heart (Jesus forgives us of our sins when we ask)

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### **Word as a Roadmap:**

Have you ever been with your parents on vacation in a new place? Usually when people are driving to a new place they will bring a map. Otherwise, we might get lost! How do we know what road to take? Where do we go? A map is helpful. Well, our Bibles are like a map in that they help us to know what to do as Christians in certain situations. But in order to know which way to go, you must read the map right? Well, it is important for us to read the Bible so that we can find out how to be more like Jesus.

## **Thursday**

### **Object Lesson:** Candle

Get a group of adults and give each one a candle to hold. Have only one candle lit and turn out the lights. Children, remember how we have said that we have the light because Jesus is in our lives? Well, what if I kept this light to myself and I stayed by myself here in the corner with my light? It will still be very dark in this room wouldn't it? What if I lit some other candles and shared my flame with the others in this room who have candles? Use your candle to light another adults candle and have that adult light another person's candle until all the candles in the room are lit. That's better! Now it is not so dark in the room because there are more candles lit. Today we are going to talk about the importance of fellowship or hanging around others who also have the light of Jesus. Together we can make this world a little brighter!

### **Memory Verse:** 1 John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...”

**Wordless Book:** Explain the wordless book focusing on growth through fellowshiping with believers, usually at church.

**Black** – Sin (We all have sinned and it keeps us from God)

**Red** – Blood of Jesus (Jesus died on the cross for our sins)

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### **Strength of Believers:**

Get a volunteer to help you out. Then give the child one pencil and ask if the child can break it in half. Tell the children that we are all like this pencil. When we are alone, it is easy for the enemy to break us and to convince us to do what is wrong. But when we are in a group of other believers, it is harder for the enemy to break us. Give a bundle of pencils to the child to break. See how hard it is to break the group of pencils. When we fellowship with other believers, we have the strength to live life in a way that pleases God.

## **Friday**

### **Object Lesson:** City on a Hill

Show the picture of a city on a hill at night with all of its lights on. This city is up on a hill so it can easily be seen by the people who live below the hill. At night, you can see all of the lights on in the

city and this city is easy to be seen right! Wouldn't it be funny if the city tried to hide? How can it? Well, God is calling us to be like that city on a hill and let our lights shine so all can see. Share Jesus with others through words and actions.

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 27:1

“...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

**Wordless Book:** Explain the wordless book focusing on telling others about Jesus.

**Black** – Sin (We all have sinned and it keeps us from God)

**Red** – Blood of Jesus (Jesus died on the cross for our sins)

**White** – Clean heart (Jesus forgives us of our sins when we ask)

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## **Bible Story Time**

### **Monday – Jesus’ Life**

#### **Memory Verse: Psalm 27:1**

“The Lord is my light and salvation – whom shall I fear?”

#### **Story:**

Raise your hand if you have heard of the story of Jesus’ birth? (Probably with the nativity scenes at Christmas time)! Well we are going to talk about the life of Jesus quickly. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. He was born to the Virgin Mary (she did not conceive as we normally do, but the Holy Spirit placed Jesus in her womb). Jesus grew up in Nazareth learning his earthly father’s trade of carpentry. Who was his earthly father? (Joseph) Who was his heavenly father? (God) Jesus never sinned. What is sin? (Breaking God’s laws, doing bad things that harm others and breaks God’s heart) He entered the ministry at age 30. Jesus came to preach about heaven, having a relationship with God, to heal people, and to set them free from sin. He gathered twelve famous disciples to teach them this message to spread to the world. Jesus was the Son of God and this claim made the Pharisees furious. They wanted to see Jesus die. Raise your hand if you have heard the Easter story and the story of Judas betraying Jesus? (Well most of us know that Jesus’ good friend and disciple, Judas, told the Pharisees where to find Jesus. They then had a “trial” and proclaimed Jesus guilty of blaspheming God. What was his blasphemy? Claiming to be God – the Son of God – which we know is true). Jesus came to die for our sins. It was the only way to set us free from sin, because we all sin and the punishment for sin is death and separation from God. Jesus took our punishment to set us free from sin. He died on a Roman cross like a common criminal. Jesus was the only one who could because He had never sinned and was also able to raise Himself from the dead after three days. He now sits in heaven at the right hand of God, the Father. How can we be saved from our sins? Remember that everyone sins and falls short of the glory of God. We must ask Jesus to be the Lord of our lives and accept what He did for us on the cross.

Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for your sins? Have you ever asked Him to be the Lord of your life – the boss of your life? (Have the children close their eyes and ask for those who have not asked Jesus to be the Lord of their lives and want to, to go to a designated place in the room to talk with a counselor.)

With those who are not receiving special counseling, review the Wordless Book and discuss salvation. Then focus on baptism and explain that it is a way to show the church that you have accepted Jesus as the Lord of your life. Ask if anyone has not been baptized and is interested in baptism? (Record their names, so we can follow up with them).

#### **Game: Salvation Game**



Choose two kids, one to play Jesus and the other to be lost. Have the rest of the kids form “trials.” Forming obstacles: ex. they can ball up and are a rock, or form a bridge, lay in the path like a log, etc. Blindfold the lost child and place him at one end of the obstacles and Jesus at the other end. Jesus must lead the child safely around the obstacles. The lost child must follow Jesus in “blind faith”. Take turns having different children be Jesus and the lost child and make different obstacle paths. Emphasize trusting in Jesus and what it means to be saved.

## **Tuesday – Daniel & Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream**

**Memory Verse: Matthew 10:27**

“What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.”

**Story: Daniel 2**

Daniel was a Jewish boy who was taken a prisoner when Israel was captured by the Babylonians. Because he was of noble birth in Israel, the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar decided to train him and his friends up to be members of his court in Babylon. Daniel and his friends were trained in the Babylonian ways, but they remained loyal to God and prayed to God on a daily basis. They became a part of the King’s wise men. One night Nebuchadnezzar was troubled and could not sleep. He had a dream that he could not remember. The next morning, King Nebuchadnezzar called his magicians and astrologers to ask them to interpret his dream. The men asked what the dream was, but King Nebuchadnezzar could not remember the dream. He was very mad that no one could tell him about his dream. So the king ordered that all of the wise men in his counsel be killed unless they could interpret the dream now. The wise men were ordered to be rounded up to be killed. Daniel and his friends were now a part of the counsel of wise men and when they heard about it they were concerned. Daniel asked the king for one night to ask God to tell him the dream and what it means. King Nebuchadnezzar agreed to give Daniel one night. He then went to his friends and asked that they pray God will reveal the dream and its meaning to Daniel. That night, God gave the meaning of the dream to Daniel. Daniel then told the king. King Nebuchadnezzar had seen a large statue, the head was made of pure gold, the chest and arms were silver, the belly and thighs were bronze, its legs were iron, its feet were partly iron and partly clay. Then a rock was cut out, but not by human hands and it struck the statue and smashed the feet and legs. The other metals were broken to pieces and swept away by the wind. The rock then became as big as a mountain and filled the whole earth. Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar that God was revealing the mysteries of the future. The gold head stood for King Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom, and the other parts of the statue were later kingdoms, each being weaker than the one before it. Then the Lord will create His own kingdom that will not be destroyed, but will destroy the other kingdoms and live forever. This rock stands for God’s kingdom and the rock was Jesus when He came to earth to die for our sins. King Nebuchadnezzar then fell down before Daniel and declared that

Daniel's God was the God of gods! Daniel was placed in a high position. God had given him the message in darkness (at night) and he had revealed it in the light (daytime) to the king. When God gives us things to do and tell others while we are in prayer, then we need to do them or tell others so that others may know Jesus. Prayer helps us communicate with God. God can give us wisdom and insight into what to do in our daily lives, just as he did for Daniel.

### **Game: Prayer Ball**

Have everyone make a circle (best way is to hold hands and spread out until a circle is made, then drop hands and sit down). Then toss a soft ball around the circle. As a person catches the ball, they must say a quick prayer. This prayer can be naming a friend who is lost and asking for salvation, or it could be asking for a need in the child's life or a thanksgiving prayer. The point is to talk to God. This activity can be done with eyes open, but emphasize the seriousness of talking to God. Remember that we communicate with God like you would talk on the phone with a friend. Have the children try to toss it so that everyone has had one or two turns to pray. Then take some time to pray together for each child in the room.

## **Wednesday – Josiah & God's Book**

### **Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105**

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

### **Story: 2 Chronicles 34**

Josiah became King of Judah (Southern Israel) when he was eight years old. Judah was not following God alone, most of the people were worshipping idols and false gods. King Josiah obeyed God and ruled well. When he was 16, he had all of the idol worshipping places destroyed throughout Judah. When he was 26, King Josiah ordered for the Temple to be repaired. The high priest, Hilkiah, went to retrieve the temple money that had been collected by the priests from all of the Israelites to keep up the Temple and take care of the priests. He retrieved this money to pay workers to rebuild and repair the Temple. While they were retrieving the money to pay the workers, Hilkiah found the Book of the Law that had been given to Moses. (We believe this was the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). He gave the Book of the Law to King Josiah. When he heard the words of the law (probably reading out of Deuteronomy) he tore his robes. He gave orders to his messengers to go and find out what the Lord wanted to tell them as he realized that Israel had sinned greatly against God, not doing what the book said. The prophetess, Huldah, gave the words of the Lord for the King: "The Lord says - I am going to

bring disaster to this place and its people – all the curses written in the Book of the Law because the people did not follow the laws. But, because King Josiah’s heart was responsive and he humbled himself before Me, he will not see this destruction take place during his reign.” After Josiah heard God’s words from the prophetess, He called the elders and priests to the Temple of Jerusalem and he read the Book of the Law to them. King Josiah then renewed the covenant with the Lord to keep God’s commands, regulations and decrees with all of his heart and soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in the book. He then called for the people to serve the Lord and make the same commitment. He had all of the idols removed from Judah. King Josiah understood the importance of reading and following God’s word. It is God’s book on life for us. The bible tells us how we can relate to God and live within His peace, no matter what is happening. It is a guidebook to life.

### **Game: Bible Drill Fun**

Break the children into two teams (or more as needed) to compete with each other. Then give each team a Bible for reference as needed. Then place the Bible Drill cards face up on a surface where everyone can see them. Tell the children that the object is to get as many “pairs” as possible. Each team will get a turn to pick two cards that go together (verse with its reference, Bible character with its story clue, Bible Book with its theme or other Book clue, and color with its gospel salvation meaning). Each team will get a turn picking two cards, if the cards match together, then they get to keep the pair. If the cards do not go together, then the cards are put back. Each team will take a turn picking cards until all of the cards are paired up or time is up. The team with the most pairs wins.

Bible Drill Fun cards: Create cards using small index cards and placing clues on half of your cards and its answers on the other half. Use the Memory verses for verses and its reference, use the Bible Stories for characters and character clues, and use the Wordless Book colors to create the colors and salvation clues. Create your own clues for Bible Books, etc. For younger children have another set of cards that are color coded and even include pictures as needed.

## **Thursday – Friends Bring a Paralytic to Jesus**

### **Memory Verse: I John 1:7**

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...”

## **Story: Mark 2:1-12**

Many people had heard about the miracles Jesus had performed and the amazing words he would speak, so they wanted to see Jesus when he came into town. In the town of Capernaum, Jesus was speaking in a home where many people crowded in to hear Him. There was not even any room to stand outside the house to hear Jesus. Some men came to bring their paralytic friend to Jesus, but it was too crowded to get to Jesus. A paralytic is someone who cannot move, he is paralyzed. The friends had to carry him on a mat, like he was on a stretcher. The houses in this town had stairs up to the roof and many roofs were thatched, that is they had dried leaves covering the roof. Anyway, the friends made a hole in the roof and they lowered their friend down to Jesus. When Jesus saw the paralytic and his friends, he saw great faith in them. He then told the man, "Your sins are forgiven." Some teachers of the law were there and they thought these words were blasphemous because only God could forgive sins. Then Jesus replied to what they were thinking, "Which is easier, to tell this paralytic his sins are forgiven, or to say pick up your mat and walk? So that you may know the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins..." Jesus turned to the paralytic and said, "Get up and take your mat home." The paralytic got up and walked out. It was a miracle. But this miracle could have only happened with the help of the paralytic's friends who also believed that Jesus could heal. It is important to fellowship, or hang around other Christian friends who believe in Jesus and can boost your faith. Christian friends are supposed to lift each other up and help each other. One place for believers to fellowship is at Church, another place may be in Small Groups that meet at homes. It is important to find friends that you study God's word with and pray together. The unity helps us stay strong in our faith and helps us to live the life God desires of us. Then together, we can tell the world about Jesus.

## **Game: Christian Brotherhood**

Have the kids line up on a line (One team of kids). Set a designated amount of time. Place one piece of masking tape on each child on different parts of the body. The child is now unable to use that part of the body taped. The object is to help each other and get as many of your teammates to the finished line as possible. For each time someone is caught using that part of the body it's minus one teammate. Then the second team tries and the team that got the most people across the finished line in the designated amount of time wins.

This game can be played with levels of difficulty by the next game making 2 parts of the body defective – example, unable to use a leg and blindfolded or one leg and one arm, etc.

Kids must display Christian character to help them to the end.

## **Friday – Light your World**

**Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16**

“...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

**Story: Matthew 5:14-16**

Jesus was teaching his many disciples when he gave this lesson. “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Jesus was telling the people that they have the light and they need to let it shine. We have Jesus, who is the light and we need to allow Him to shine through us to the world. We can do this by being kind to others, help out where needed and tell them about Jesus. Our actions tell people more about us than our words and so we need to make sure our actions line up with our words. The World needs Jesus, and we can tell the world about Him, one person at a time.

**Game: Witnessing Fun**

Review the colors and their meanings from the Wordless Book to prepare the children for this game.

Put the children in groups of three or four to compete as teams. Place all of the “Color” cards face down so the colors are not showing on a surface all can see. Then each team will get a chance to turn over two cards. They then must pick one of the colors showing and say what it stands for (Black = sin, red = blood of Jesus, white = clean heart, blue = baptism, green = Spiritual growth, and yellow = heaven) and they must give a short explanation of the meaning for witnessing. If they were correct, the color may be picked up and placed in front of the team. If not, then the color stays in the deck and the cards are turned back over to be chosen later. If none of the colors turned over are needed by the team to create their Wordless Book, then they can pass. It is then the next team’s turn to choose two cards and pick one color to identify as described above. Each team must get all of the colors needed to make up the Wordless Book and have them placed in front of them in the correct order to complete the game. The object is to see which team can put their Wordless Book together first! The team who gets all of the colors for the “Wordless Book” in order wins (they must be able to explain the Wordless Book before being declared winners)!

Creating Wordless Book cards: Cut out all of the colors needed from construction paper and glue them to the back of index cards to create color cards. Make enough to have six Wordless Books. Adults may need to help younger children with this game.

The Lord is  
my light &  
salvation.

Psalm 27:1

What I tell  
you in the  
dark, tell in  
the light.

Matthew  
10:27

Your word  
is a lamp  
unto my  
feet & a  
light to my  
path.

Psalm  
119:105

Let your  
light shine  
before  
men.

Matthew  
5:16

The things  
that break  
God's heart  
and His  
laws.

Sins

He came to  
die for our  
sins so that  
we may  
now be  
with God.

Jesus

He  
interpreted  
the  
Pharaoh's  
dream.

Daniel

He repented  
when he  
heard God's  
Word and he  
asked his  
kingdom to  
do the same

King  
Josiah

Ways we  
can grow  
in the Lord.

Prayer,  
Read the  
Bible, and  
go to  
church.

To show  
the church  
we identify  
with what  
Jesus did  
for us.  
(Water)

Baptism

Talking to  
God.

Prayer

Telling  
others  
about  
Jesus.

Witnessing



## Craft Center

### Wordless Book:

**Black** – Sin (We all have sinned and it keeps us from God)

**Red** – Blood of Jesus (Jesus died on the cross for our sins)

**White** – Clean heart (Jesus forgives us of our sins when we ask)

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### Monday

**Wordless Book:** Black, Red, White, & Blue Pages

Give each child a wordless book that has already been put together. Tell them we will work on the first four pages today. Have each child glue the following on the correct page as you explain the meaning behind each color of the page:

Black – God’s laws, & broken heart

Red – Cross

White – Soap (Have them draw a heart on this page)

Blue – Caterpillar to a Butterfly picture (picture of being a new creature in Christ)

**Craft:** Magnets

Give each child the cut out shapes to create their own magnets. Have them draw a picture or decorate the shape as they desire. Write names on the back top of the shape. Younger children may want certain pictures to color. When the child is finished with the decoration, have them bring it to the adult laminating

the pictures to have it laminated. Then cut out the laminated shape and give the child a magnet to stick to the back. Now it is ready to go on any metal surface.

## **Tuesday**

**Wordless Book:** Green page – prayer

Have the children glue the praying hands to the green page. Tell them that prayer is one way to grow as a Christian. Prayer is talking to God.

**Craft:** Tote Bags

Give each child a tote bag to paint as desired with fabric paints. They may need to dry over night. They can use the bag to carry things to church.

## **Wednesday**

**Wordless Book:** Green page – Bible

Give each child a Bible to glue on the green page. Tell them that reading their Bible is another important way to grow in Christ. It is how we learn more about what it means to be a Christian.

**Craft:** Ribbon Bookmarks

Let the children choose wide ribbons and narrow ribbons to glue together to make a pretty ribbon bookmark. Be sure to use fabric glue. They may cut the edges with different styles of jagged edged scissors to make a nice pattern. Some may want to cut material in shapes to glue on. Older children may be allowed to use fabric paint pens to write on their bookmarks. Tell them this is a special bookmark that they can use with their Bibles.



## **Thursday**

**Wordless Book:** Green page – church

Give them the church to glue on the green page. Another way to grow as a Christian is to go to church. Not only can we learn more about Jesus and what it means to be a Christian, but it is good to fellowship with other believers. Other Christians can help encourage you to live the Christian life.

**Craft:** Candle Making Kits

Give each child a candle making kit. Each child should have a votive glass and a wick to put in it. Then let them choose different colored wax to put in the glass and create their candle. When finished, have an adult light the candle wick to help melt the top layer of wax. When the top layer is melted, then blow the flame out and let the candle wax cool so that it can solidify. This way the candles will not lose their wax if they are accidentally spilled when going home. Remember you are the light of the world and you can help keep the flame lit among your friends.

## **Friday**

**Wordless Book:** Yellow Page

Give the children their mansion to color and glue on the yellow page. This page is to remind us of the golden streets of heaven and that Jesus has a room built for each one of us. Therefore, we need to tell others about Jesus. The yellow also reminds us that we are the light of the world. Share the light.

**Craft:** Cross Witness & Pins

Cross Witness: Have construction paper cut into 1” squares so that each child will have a square of each wordless book color. Then give them a purple piece of construction paper and have the child glue the shapes on the paper in the shape of a cross. Review what each color stands for.

Pins: Give each child a big safety pin and one of each colored bead. The colors of the beads match the wordless book colors. Have them place the beads in the proper color order of the wordless book on the safety pin and then close the pins. These pins can be placed on each child's shirt or shorts. Review what the colors stand for and tell the children they can give this pin to a friend and use it to tell their friend about Jesus and what it means to be a Christian.

## Snacks & Memory Verse Station

Give snacks to the children first, allowing them to eat while you discuss the memory verse and what it means. Repeat the memory verse several times and even have them repeat after you before doing the memory verse activity.

### Monday

**Snack:** Oreos

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 27:1

“The Lord is my light and salvation – whom shall I fear?”

**Memory Verse Activity:** Follow the Leader

Review the memory verse in the following ways:

- a. At a normal pace while standing
- b. In “fast forward” while jogging in place
- c. In a whisper while tiptoeing
- d. Shouting while marching
- e. In “slow motion” while jogging in slow motion
- f. In a normal voice while walking backwards

### Tuesday

**Snack:** Cheese Crackers

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 10:27

“What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.”

**Memory Verse Activity:** Marching Orders

Begin marching in place. Tell the children they are marching in God’s Army. As you march in place, begin reciting the memory verse in sections with the children repeating after you. Sections may be, “What I tell you”, “in the dark”, “speak in daylight”, “what is whispered”, “in your ear”, “proclaim from the rooftops.” Then break them into groups and have competitions between the “troops.”

## **Wednesday**

**Snack:** Graham Crackers

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 119:105

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

**Memory Verse Activity:** Mix it Up

Write each word of the memory verse on a separate piece of paper or an index card. Mix up all of the papers or cards and then give a word to each child. See how fast the children can get in a line to put the verse in order. Have the children then say the memory verse. Mix up the papers several times repeating the process.

## **Thursday**

**Snack:** Chex Mix

**Memory Verse:** 1 John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...”

**Memory Verse Activity:** High Steppin

Divide the number of words in the memory verse among the number of children (if there are too many children, tell them we will repeat this with different groups of them till all get a turn). Assign them a word, or words, and charge them to memorize their assigned word(s). Line up the children and tell them when you begin quoting the memory verse, they are to “step up” quickly, and then back when you continue the quoting and it is not their word(s). Continue this several times (rotating with groups of children if needed). Ask the other children to quote the verse with you as children step up for their words.

## **Friday**

**Snack:** Goldfish

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 5:16

“...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

**Memory Verse Activity:** Paper Pick

You will need one piece of paper for each word in the memory verse. Write one word of the verse on each piece of paper and place them face down on the ground. Have the children say the verse several times together. Then have the children take turns picking up the pieces of paper and arranging the words in the correct order on the ground. You may want to place them in teams to compete to see who can put it in order the fastest.

# Game Center

Before playing the game, make sure to review the Wordless Book with the children. Make sure you can talk about each colored page and its important to the Christian life.

## Wordless Book:

**Black** – Sin (We all have sinned and it keeps us from God)

**Red** – Blood of Jesus (Jesus died on the cross for our sins)

**White** – Clean heart (Jesus forgives us of our sins when we ask)

**Blue** – Water baptism (Picture of salvation)

**Green** – Growing in Christ (Prayer, Bible Study, church)

**Yellow** – Streets of heaven (Also to remind us we are the light of the world - tell others)

## Monday

### **Review Wordless Book**

**Game:** Dodge Ball or (Another ball game)

Break the children up into two teams. Have one group form a square and the other group get inside. The children on the inside will attempt to dodge the ball that is rolled at them. If one gets touched by the ball, he is out. If a child inside the square catches the ball, the person who threw it is now to switch places with the one who caught it. The children on the outside are to roll the ball attempting to have the ball touch the children in the center. When a significant number of children have been removed from the center, have the teams switch with the ones who made the square on the inside and the others going to make the square outside.

Another ball game you can play is kickball (just like baseball except the ball is rolled to each child for them to kick it and run for bases).

## **Tuesday**

### **Review Wordless Book**

**Game:** Blind Man's Bluff or (Freeze tag)

Pick two children to be blindfolded. Then spin them around and have a designated area in which the other children must stay as they attempt to avoid being touched by those blindfolded. The other children must call out so the blindfolded children can hear them. When a child is touched, the one blindfolded needs to say who it is (hopefully by recognizing the other child's voice). If the blindfolded child is correct, then they switch places.

Freeze tag – pick two children to be “it” and they are to go around tagging the other children. When a child is tagged, they are to be frozen until another child on their team goes under their legs to make them unfrozen. After a while, pick others to be “it”.

## **Wednesday**

### **Review Wordless Book**

**Game:** Scavenger Hunt

Divide the children up into teams of two or three and give each team a paper sack and the scavenger list. Give them a time limit to find the items and an area they must stay in. You may want to create a signal for them to know when it is time to come back together. When they are back together, see which group brought back the most items.

Suggested scavenger hunt list: 2 pieces of trash, round stone, toy, bug, green leaf, brown leaf, penny, stick in the shape of a y, 2 twigs, pine cone, wild flower, pair of sun glasses, hat, something red, something blue, candy wrapper, and a light of some sort.



## **Thursday**

### **Review Wordless Book**

#### **Game:** Team Relays

Divide the children into two or three teams and have the teams line up in a single file line behind a designated spot (make sure they are roughly even – if not, some children may need to go twice, etc). Create a line across from the teams for them to go to and return back to their team. After running down to the line and back to the team, the runner needs to go to the back of the line. When the whole team is finished they must sit down. Whichever team sits down first, wins.

Relay options:

- a. Run down and back
- b. Jump down and back
- c. Hop on one foot down and the other foot back
- d. Crab walk down and bear walk back
- e. Gallop down and skip back
- f. Walk down in baby steps and walk backwards on the way back

Pass the Ball over and under: Keep the children in line and have them space out slightly. Then they can pass the ball down the line and back, with the last person in the line going to the front of the line once they receive the ball. When the first person in line was the same person who began as the first person, then the team must sit down. To make it harder, have them pass the ball alternating between over the head and under the legs until it gets to the last person who walks it to the front of the line and continues passing the ball in this alternating pattern.

Pass the Orange: keep the children in line and give them an orange to pass down the line and back to the front. They must hold the orange under their chins and pass it to the next person without touching it. If someone drops the orange, the orange must start all over again at the beginning of the line. The first team to get it down and back without dropping the orange, and sits down first, wins.

## **Friday**

## Review Wordless Book

### Game: Water Day

Water Balloon Toss: Have the children pair up to toss the balloons. Have each pair face each other and start within hands reach of each other. Have them toss it back and forth. After each child caught the balloon once from this distance, then they are to take a step back and toss the balloons again. Keep going until the balloons have burst.

Cup of Water Relay: Put the children in two teams as if doing a relay. Then give them a cup of water for each child to carry on his head down and back before passing it off to the next child. If a cup spills, the child must start over again after the cup is refilled.

Sponge Relay: Put the children in two teams and have them space out between two designated "lines" where a bucket will be placed. Have a bucket on one end filled with water and a sponge in the bucket. At the other end of the team's line have an empty bucket. The children are to pass the sponge with water down the line to the end where the empty bucket is located. The last child must squeeze the water out of the sponge into the bucket and then pass the sponge back to the front of the line to collect more water. After a designated amount of time, see which bucket has the most water collected.

## **Age Group Leader Information**

### **Daily Duties**

1. Sit in section for Main Program in Youth room where you greet children and give name tags, check roll (first day write names in).
2. When main program is over, follow the station guide to rotate your group through their stations (20 minutes each station).
3. Help the station leaders in any way possible, mainly form a relationship with your children and get to know them through the day.
4. Small group discussion the last fifteen minutes of the day. This is when you will get a chance to really know your kids and find out where they are in the Lord. Please record any pertinent information on your roll sheet.
5. When the small group is over bring all to the front entrance of the Church and stay with them until parents or the person who brought them picks them up. Any who are really late, give to Patricia who will be there to wait.

### **Small Group Discussion Starters....**

1. **Pray with your group**
2. **Follow discussion starter per each day unless Holy Spirit leads you otherwise**
3. **Record any information you deem important on their VBS cards or roll sheet**
4. **Be prepared to lead the children in the sinners prayer and give them a "New Kid in the Kingdom" pamphlet to take home**
5. **Each day review the colors of the gospel story given so far**
6. **Always end in prayer and blessing the children.**

### **Monday – Jesus is the Light**

1. Begin to get to know your children. Find out if they are members of SNL! or another Church. See if they are visitors.
2. Find out their favorite colors or activities. The point is to get to know them and gain their trust.
3. Ask them what they learned today. What was their favorite activity?
4. Review Wordless Book and focus on what it means to be saved.
5. Give them salvation books and talk about baptism.

### **Tuesday – Prayer**

1. Continue to get to know your children. Find out if the added children are members of SNL! or another Church. See if they are visitors.
2. Ask them what they learned today. What was their favorite activity?
3. What is prayer? How do we talk to God?
4. How did prayer help Daniel? How can it help us?
5. Give out prayer journals & talk about how to use them.

### **Wednesday – Reading the Word**

1. Continue to get to know your children. Find out if the added children are members of SNL! or another Church. See if they are visitors.
2. Ask them what they learned today. What was their favorite activity?
3. How is a map helpful? What map did God give us?
4. What did Josiah do when he read God's word?
5. Give them Bibles to put their bookmarks in and talk about reading God's word.

#### **Thursday – Fellowship with Believers**

1. Continue to get to know your children. Find out if the added children are members of SNL! or another Church. See if they are visitors.
2. Ask them what they learned today. What was their favorite activity?
3. What happened after one candle was lit? (It lit another, etc)
4. Why do we need to fellowship with other Christians? (Strength)
5. How did friends help the paralytic?
6. Review the Wordless Book with emphasis on Spiritual Growth.
7. End today with the Communion only if you feel all children are saved and prepared for it....(Pre-K and K-5 should not do this as they are probably not ready to understand it).
  - a. Read Luke 22:14-20 and discuss what it means to take communion together as believers in Christ.
  - b. Pass out the juice and the crackers telling them that we will take it together in unity upon your leading.
  - c. Then drink the juice after reading verses 17-18.
  - d. Then eat the crackers after reading verses 19-20.

#### **Friday - Witness**

1. Continue to get to know your children. Find out if the added children are members of SNL! or another Church. See if they are visitors.
2. Ask them what they learned today. What was their favorite activity?
3. What does it mean to shine your light? (Discuss witnessing)
4. Have each child witness using the Wordless Book.
5. Give out flashlights and talk about witnessing to friends.
6. Pray over each child before they leave.

## VBS Supply Checklist

- Magnets
- Laminating pouches / laminator
- Tote bags
- Fabric paint
- Ribbons (wide and narrow)
- Fabric glue
- Sequins
- Candle making kits
- Construction paper
- Safety pins
- Colored beads (black, red, white, blue, green, yellow)
- Balls
- Blindfolds
- Brown bags
- Water balloons
- sponges
- buckets
- Bibles
- Jesus is the Light Flashlights
- Batteries
- Prayer journals
- Worship music

### Snacks

- Oreos

### Games – Home-made

- Cheese crackers
  - Magnet craft pictures
- Graham crackers
  - Wordless Bk pictures
- Chex mix
  - Bible Drill cards
- Gold fish
  - Witnessing Fun cards
- Apple juice
  - Scavenger Hunt list
- cups
- napkins

### Props

- Lighthouse picture
- Flashlight
- Lamp
- Telephone
- Roadmap
- Candles for lighting
- City on a hill picture
- Wordless Books

Next two pages are for the take home flyers Monday –  
Friday....



## “Light Your World”

Matthew 5:16

### Salvation

Today we learned that a lighthouse saves ships from running into the rocks. Jesus is the one who saved us from our sins. He took our punishment for us so that we can have a relationship with God and become a member of the kingdom of God.

### Memory Verse:

“The Lord is my light and salvation – whom shall I fear?” Psalm 27:1



### Sneak Peak for Tomorrow:

Painting tote bags

### Friday – Water Day:

Get ready to get wet. Don't forget to bring a towel!



## “Light Your World”

Matthew 5:16

### Reading the Word



Today we learned that another way to grow is by reading the Bible, which is God's Word to us. The Bible is like a road map that guides us in how to live the Christian life. So begin reading your Bible today!

### Memory Verse:

“Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105



### Sneak Peak for Tomorrow:

Candle Making

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## “Light Your World”

Matthew 5:16

### Prayer



Today we learned that one way to grow as a Christian is to pray. Prayer is simply talking to God like we talk to a friend on the telephone. We must listen for His response. Sometimes God will reveal

Himself more clearly to us and He may tell us how we can explain who Jesus is to our friends. We need to pray for each other.

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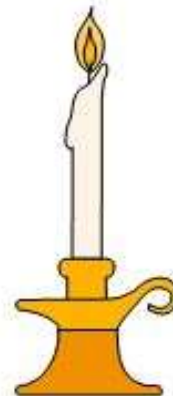


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Scavenger Hunt

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## “Light Your World”

Matthew 5:16

### Fellowship with Believers

Today we learned that there is strength when Christians stay together and fellowship together. One place to do this is going to church. We can encourage each other to live the Christian life and continue to grow. As a group we can shine our light into the world.

### Memory Verse:

“...If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...”  
1 John 1:7

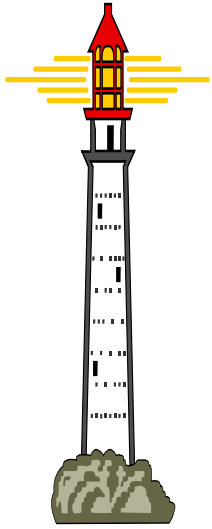


### Sneak Peak for Tomorrow:

Our Own Flashlights

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**“Light Your World”**

Matthew 5:16

**Witnessing – Tell**

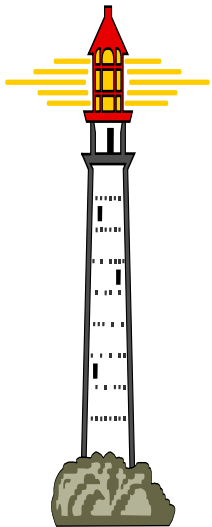
**Others**

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