

A Light has Dawned



Set Up:

Prepare your item(s), grab your bible and plan to walk through this after dinner. This should take you and your family no more than 15 minutes. If possible we recommend that you print off this document so that you are free from technology. If you must have it on your device, turn on airplane mode or do not disturb to limit distractions

Item:

Candle or Lamp without the shade in a dark room.

Scripture:

Look into the light for 10 seconds.

Take turns reading: **Isaiah 9:2,6-7 — John 8:12 — John 1:5**

Read:

Look into the light for 30 seconds.

700 years before Jesus was born, Isaiah prophesied of his birth. A light in the darkness. One of the first indications of the Christmas season is the appearance of lights, on houses and buildings, on trees, and candles. Jesus was entering into a dark world of violence, injustice, abuse of power, religiosity, homelessness, refugee's, families being torn apart, bottomless grief. Sounds exactly like today.

Isaiah speaks of God's light "dawning" on a dark world, he is using the light as a symbol. Like this light in front of you brings light into this dark room, Jesus brings light into a dark world. We focus on this reality at this time of year but, it is almost too limiting that we simply "celebrate" Jesus at Christmas. Can you imagine only having sunlight for one day of the year?

Wonder:

Look into the light for 10 seconds.

As you Look into the light, have each person share what you think happened when the true light of the world came into the world? Share how the world would now look different? Share how different your life is than the world because of Jesus. Share the areas of your life that you are walking in darkness.

Pray:

Confess and surrender those areas of darkness to the light of Jesus now.

Thank Jesus for being the light of the world. Ask him to reveal his light to you as you journey through this season.