



LIGHT & DARKNESS

lesson 23

BIG IDEA

Every person must make their own choice to follow the light (Jesus) or darkness (Satan).

KEY VERSES

John 8:12

MEMORY VERSE

John 8:12

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON: MIME

- Two black shirts
- Two white shirts
- Several large \$1,000,000 bills
- 3 actors (light, darkness, heathen)
- 1 narrator

GAME

- Several bandannas or strips of cloth for blindfolds
- 40 – 80 small items (bag of crayons, popsicle sticks, or other inexpensive objects)

CRAFT

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers
- White or yellow construction paper 9x 12, one per child
- Glue or tape
- Ribbon or 1 inch strips of construction paper
- Tissue paper, markers, stickers, etc. for decorations (glow in the dark stickers would be cool)

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Work Sheet (domestic communities only)





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CHARACTERS

Light - all in white

Compassionate and longing expression. Hands extended partially towards heathen (right hand more extended than left), throughout Part 1, 2 and 3. Light is continually reaching out to Heathen, stretching forth her hands and bringing them closer to herself as if saying, "Please, come."

Darkness - all in black

Wicked and diabolical expression. Continuous motion with hands. You want to give the appearance of having a continual spiritual influence over Heathen. Very exaggerated. You don't really walk around, but slightly jump around (as if casting spells). This continues in all three parts though your influence becomes more and more intense as you see Heathen getting closer to Light.

Heathen - white shirt with black shirt over top

A stack of play money in back pocket. Just an ordinary person.

PLOT

The mime is split into 2 segments:

1. Heathen with alcohol
2. Heathen with riches

(In between these segments are the struggles between Light and Darkness.)

PROPS

- Two black shirts
- Two white shirts
- A fake \$1,000,000 bill
- A stack of play money

SCRIPT

Part 1

Heathen takes 4 steps forward with a bottle (pretend) in hand. (Light and Darkness go into their regular motions) Heathen takes a drink and expresses satisfaction. She takes another drink and wipes mouth on sleeve (optional). Then putting the bottle up for a third time, Heathen realizes that this drinking is doing to her family, job, etc. Shows this expression: This is ruining my life, oh God, you have to help me. Grabs bottle with both hands and crashes it to the ground and stays on her knees (in great struggle).

Darkness falls to his knees at the same time as heathen, but is immediately up increasing his spiritual influence. Light begins to move to Heathen. Heathen keeps head down, bringing it up only once to show expression of despair (have hands to head as if in pain).

Light comes over, puts right hand on Heathen's shoulder, kneels beside her, and lifts Heathen's head with her hand at her chin. Expressing - Please come with me, I can help you. Heathen puts right hand into Light's left hand.

Darkness during this time, is trying to break any communication between Light and Heathen. Very intense.



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Heathen rises, being helped by Light and takes two steps backwards (DO NOT move to the side, as that will take the skit off center). Heathen's expression is one of wonder and curiosity.

After the two steps: Darkness taps Heathen on the shoulder with right hand expressing, Come with me. I've got some interesting things for you. He takes hold of Heathen's left hand. Heathen is being pulled back and forth (about three times) between Light and Darkness. (Heathen does all movements, Light and Darkness do not do any pulling.)

During struggle: Heathen expresses curiosity towards Light, and temptation towards Darkness. Heathen decides to follow Darkness and takes two steps to the left.

Part 2

Darkness pulls \$1,000,000 bill and dramatically points out all the zeros. Heathen grabs at it greedily and adds it to his stack of money. Heathen begins to pay out the money for a house (outline house shape), a car (make driving motions), food (make eating motions), clothing (make motions as if getting dressed). Heathen realizes that all is gone and it has not been of any benefit. Heathen realizes that money is not the answer and falls to the ground in distress.

(Struggle between Light and Darkness is enacted again as in Part 1.)

At the end of the struggle Darkness grabs Heathen by the arm and pulls him to his side. Heathen realizes that he doesn't want to go with Darkness and pushes him down to the ground. (It is important that Darkness keeps his face to the audience so that they can see his defeated expression.)

Heathen turns to Light who guides him to his knees. Then as Heathen bows in submission to God, he takes off the black shirt, exposing the white one underneath. Heathen throws the black shirt at the Darkness.

Light guides Heathen's hands up to God. As they freeze in these positions, John 8:12 is read.

(Team member recite in a loud voice) John 8:12 - "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who does the character in white represent?
2. Who does the character in black represent?
3. Who does the character in the middle represent?
4. How did the black character try to tempt the person?
5. What other ways does Satan try to tempt us?
6. Did the black character force the person to come to his side? (no, he only tempted)
7. Did the white character force the person to come to his side? (no, he offered)
8. How did the person go toward the light or darkness if he wasn't forced to go? (he had to choose)
9. In John 8:12 Jesus says he is the light of the world. And he promises that if we follow him we will have the... (light) of... (life).

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Skip Part 1. Focus on the greed for money and earthly treasures in Part 2.
- In the Navajo Nation skip Part 1. They have their own way of addressing the issues of alcoholism.
- Ask 2-3 of the easier discussion questions.



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CRAFT

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OBJECTIVE: LANTERNS

Kids will make and decorate paper lanterns.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Fold paper in half lengthwise
- Make cuts into the paper about 2 inches deep beginning at the fold about 2 inches deep (about as far as the cutting length of children's scissors). Make cuts about 1 inch apart across the length of the folded paper.
- Unfold paper and wrap into a cylinder
- Overlap ends of the cylinder and glue, tape or staple together
- Attach a ribbon or construction paper handle
- Decorate lantern

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- White or yellow construction paper (9x12), one per child
- Glue or tape
- Ribbon or 1 inch strips of construction paper
- Tissue paper, markers, stickers, etc. for decorations (glow in the dark stickers would be cool)

EXAMPLES



SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Pre-fold construction paper
- Pre-cut construction paper



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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: BLIND POTATO RACE

Find the lost objects blindfolded!

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Several bandannas or strips of cloth for blindfolds
- 40 – 80 small items (bag of small potatoes, crayons, popsicle sticks, or other inexpensive objects)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Split into teams or pairs, blindfold one player in each
- Scatter objects across the floor
- The blindfolded players have to crawl around the floor gathering up the potatoes
- The non-blindfolded players can help those on the floor by shouting out directions, like "warmer, colder"
- Winning the game options: whoever collects the most objects once all objects are found; whoever collects the most objects in 30 seconds

GAME OPTIONS

- *Spread out several different types of objects and assign different objects to different teams*
- *Spread out several different types of objects and blindfolded players search for the same object*
- *Play without blindfolds. Spread a variety of objects around the play area, the same amount of each type. Teams race to pick up all the objects assigned to them.*





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The Light Of The World



Name: _____

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

JESUS said: _____

Matt 5:13-16

You are the ^{GLITH} _____ of the ^{OWRDL} _____.
A ^{TCYI} _____ on a ^{ILLH} _____ cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a ^{AML} _____
and put it under a ^{LOBW} _____. Instead they
put it on a ^{SANTD} _____, and it gives light
to ^{VEREYNOE} _____ in the house.

In the same way, let your light ^{HSNIE} _____
before ^{ENM} _____, that they may see your
^{DOOG} _____ ^{EDEDS} _____ and

Unscramble the letters in the circles and
see what he said this would do for God.

_____ your Father in heaven.