

THE PERSON PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCIPLING YOUR KIDS IS YOU!

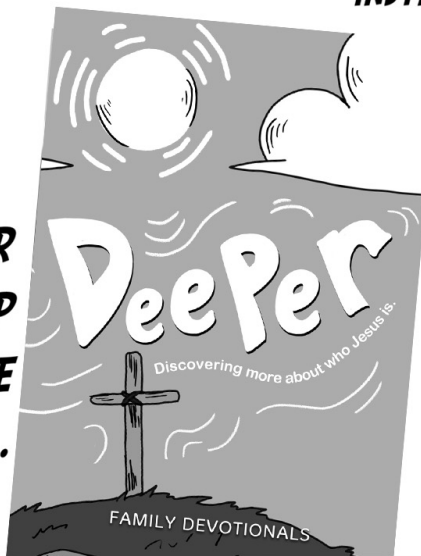


AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

- **MONTHLY ISSUE**
- **BASED ON THE MONTHLY SERIES IN KIDS CHURCH**
- **FOR KIDS AGES 2-12 YEARS OLD**
- **DESIGNED FOR A ONCE-A-WEEK ACTIVITY WITH YOUR KIDS**
- **EASY-TO-USE: READ IT TO YOUR KIDS AND FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS.**



IN ORDER TO HELP YOU, WE GIVE YOU...



THE FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

WE ARE YOUR PARTNERS IN DISCIPLING YOUR KIDS!

WEEK 3

Light of the World (John 8:12)



Connect

Fun with shadows

Prepare: a flashlight, white or light-colored wall, or a white blanket (hang it flat on a wall) and your hands

Stand in front of the wall. Put your hands out and shine the light on the hands so that the shadow falls on the wall (or blanket).

Move your hands in different directions so the kids can see the shadows on the wall.

You can move your hands closer to or away from the light so the kids can see what happens.

You and your kids can try forming shadow animals with your hands:



Handimania

Source: <https://www.elitereaders.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/hand-shadow-puppets-1.jpg>

That was fun, wasn't it? But do you know that this can be done only with a light source? You cannot have a shadow without light.



Read The Word

Light! Without it, the world would not be as fun to live in.

In the Bible, Jesus said He is the "Light of the World". Let's read about this in John 8:12.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Jesus said He is the light of the world.

There are many sources of light, but the Bible says the true light of the world is Jesus. We all need Jesus as our light. We need Him so we may be able to see the truth.

Like light that makes us see everything clearly, Jesus shows or reveals to us when we do wrong things and we sin.

Jesus came to take us out of darkness

When we are in the dark, we are not able to see, we do not know where we are or where we are going. Similarly, when we sin, it blinds us and keeps us from seeing the truth. That is why when we talk about sin, we often refer to it as being in the dark. But Jesus wants to take us out of the darkness. He came, as the light and being the true light, He is the only one who can take us out of darkness or sin.

Jesus said "Follow me.

Those who follow Him will not walk in darkness.

Do you want to walk in the light?

People who walk with Jesus will not walk in the dark like a blind person.

They know God and His love for them, and if they continue to follow Him, they will have the "light of life" (that's Jesus in their hearts) and be headed for heaven!

Now that is the best news ever!

You will know Jesus more when you walk with and follow Him everyday.

The more you know Jesus, the more you will love and obey Him.



Parent to Kid

2-6 years old

- Why do cars have lights in front and at the back?
- Have you walked into a dark room? What happened?

7-12 years old

- Have you tried walking blindfolded or played the game Blind Man's Buff? How did it feel to walk while you are blindfolded?
- Have you ever had to work on something that you were not clearly given the instructions on what to do? Was it easy or hard?

Kid to Parent

- How do you know when you are doing the right thing or the wrong thing?
- Have you ever done something you thought was right but was actually wrong? How did it end?

God does not want us to stay in the dark. That is why Jesus came to die for our sins. He is truly the light of the world, the One who came to take us out of the darkness, if we follow Him.



Dear God,

Help me to know you more so I can love and obey you more. Show me the wrong things I do, and teach me to do the right thing. I do not ever want to walk in darkness.

I love you Jesus, and I promise to follow you everyday.

Amen!



Light Sources

Things which make light are called sources of light.

There are many sources of light.

- Natural light sources are those which are not man-made like the sun, stars, fireflies
- Artificial light sources are man-made like lamps, candles, flashlights, etc.

But Jesus is our spiritual light. Only through Him can we walk out of spiritual darkness, into eternal life.