

SCRIPTURE:

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life (John 8:12).

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Flood Light

MAIN MESSAGE:

Jesus is the light of the world. We are call to be the light of the world. Jesus is our model. We reflect Him in this world of darkness.

Shine the light of Christ!

SONG: "Light of the World"

LESSON:

Light makes all the difference! When I am painting a room of the house and it starts to get dark outside, I start getting frustrated because it's so hard to see. That's when I grab my flood light, plug it in, and it makes all the difference! The room comes alive. I can see now to do my job. What was once an increasingly difficult task, just became easy. All I needed was light.

In John 8, Jesus is called the Light of the World and the light of our life. He shines so that we see the way to go and how to live. Light brings hope, warmth, salvation, and security. That's Jesus! And that same Jesus calls us to be light, just as He is. As a Christian, I am light. I am called to reflect the light of Christ. I am to bring hope, warmth, salvation and security to others. As light, I am also exposing the darkness around me (Ephesians 5:11). Darkness and light do not mix. They don't go together. Neither did Jesus and sin. Therefore, as I live for Him I am resisting sin in my life.

But how am I to stay lit up? The Word of God. Psalm 199:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." I must open the Word and study Jesus! When I do, He shines truth in my heart, and then I can live it. We cannot separate Jesus from the Word of God (John 1:14). To know the Light of the World I must read and study the Bible! If I don't, it would be like bringing my nice flood light into a dark room but never plugging it in. It will do no good.

As Christians we are ambassadors or representatives of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). We are called to shine the light of Jesus so that others will know how to be saved, how to live and how to teach others about Him.

PRAYER: As lights, help us to know Your Word so that we can know and share Jesus.