

NXTGEN

Glow

SHINE BRIGHT
WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PARENT'S GUIDE

LEVEL 1
AGES 4-5

This Christmas season, kids will discover how Jesus is the Light of the World - a light that shines in the darkness and invites us to follow, worship, and reflect Him. From the shepherds' first encounter with the angels to the Magi's long journey and Jesus' own teaching, kids will learn that God's light leads us, changes us, and shines through us for others to see. May your family glow the light of Jesus using L.E.A.P.:

LEARN TOGETHER:

Explore God's Word and discover how to follow Him beyond what's easy or familiar.

ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION:

Talk about what God is teaching. Every question and thought matters!

APPLY IN DAILY LIFE:

Help your child live out their faith in simple, everyday ways.

PRAY TOGETHER:

Stay connected to God as you pray for strength and guidance.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON IS FOCUSED ON:

Date:	December 21, 2025
Passage:	Luke 2:25-32; John 8:12
Big Idea:	Jesus is the Light of the World
Memory Verse:	John 8:12 ICB I am the light of the world.

LEARN TOGETHER



BACKGROUND OF THE LESSON

Welcome to today's lesson! Imagine holding a small candle in a dark room. As soon as you light it, the darkness doesn't disappear all at once, but the candle begins to shine, and slowly you can see more clearly. That's a little like what happens in our hearts when we meet Jesus.

A long time ago, there was a man named Simeon. He had been waiting a long time to see God's promise come true. God had told him that he would see the Savior before he died, and when he finally saw baby Jesus at the temple, his heart was full of joy. Simeon worshipped God because he recognized that Jesus was the true Light who brings life, hope, and peace to the world.

Worship is more than singing songs. It is recognizing God's greatness, thanking Him for what He has done, and letting His light shine in our hearts. Just like Christmas lights make a dark night beautiful and bright, Jesus' light shines in us when we worship Him. Worship helps us see God more clearly, reminds us of His promises, and helps others see His love through us.

In today's Bible story, we will see how Simeon responded to God's light with joy and worship. As we read Luke 2:25-32 and remember what Jesus said in John 8:12, think about how you can let Jesus' light shine in your own heart and in the lives of the people around you.

LOOK UP & READ

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ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION



SUGGESTED DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What are some ways our family can worship Jesus this Christmas season?
- How can we share Jesus' light with others, as the shepherds, wise men, or Simeon did?
- What things can you do this week to let Jesus' light shine through you at home, school, or with friends?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

The story of Simeon reminds us that Jesus is not just a baby in a manger; He is the Savior, the Light of the World. Everyone needs a Savior because sin puts darkness in our hearts, separating us from God. But Jesus came to bring light, life, and hope.

When we worship Jesus, as Simeon did, we are saying that we trust Him, love Him, and want to follow Him. Worship shows that we believe Jesus is the way out of darkness and the guide for our lives. His death and resurrection made it possible for all people to experience His light, forgive sin, and live in a relationship with God.

Just like Simeon's heart was filled with joy when he saw Jesus, our hearts are filled with light and hope when we worship Him. And when our hearts shine with His light, we can share it with others through love, kindness, and telling them about Jesus. Worship connects us to the Light of the World, changes us, and helps us reflect His light to everyone around us.

APPLY IN DAILY LIFE



LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

We will glow with God's love for God by _____.

OBEY GOD'S WORD & AUTHORITIES

We will read God's Word together and shine His light by _____.

VOLUNTEER

We will serve together as a family by _____ (helping at church, sharing food, visiting someone).

ENGAGE THE FAMILIES

We will worship God together as a family by _____.

SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY

Christmas Celebration – Celebrate Jesus on Christmas day by singing songs and sharing how He has been good to you the whole year.

PRAY TOGETHER



*Dear Jesus,
Thank You for being the guiding light in our family's life!
We are grateful for Your love and grace. As a family, we want to lift up our voices in praise and celebrate the joy of being saved by You. May we extend compassion and understanding within our home, and may we extend that love to our neighbors and friends.
In Your name, we pray, amen.*

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