

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:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>December 07, 2025</b>
<b>Passage:</b>	<b>Luke 2:8-20</b>
<b>Big Idea:</b>	<b>Jesus is the Light of the World</b>
<b>Memory Verse:</b>	<b>John 8:12 ICB I am the light of the world.</b>

# LEARN TOGETHER



## BACKGROUND OF THE LESSON

Welcome to our Christmas Series, Glow! During Christmas, we see beautiful lights everywhere—on houses, trees, and streets. These lights shine in the dark and make everything bright and warm. This Christmas, we are learning how God’s light changes everything around us and invites us to follow Him.

A long time ago, in the fields near Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep at night. The night was dark and quiet, but suddenly something amazing happened. God sent an angel to shine a very bright light and tell the shepherds the greatest news ever—Jesus, God’s Son, had been born! This message wasn’t just for the shepherds; it was for everyone who wanted to see God’s light.

The shepherds’ story reminds us of how exciting it is to search for Jesus. When we look for Him, we find His light shining in our hearts. But just like a treasure hunt, we have to pay attention and follow the signs God gives us. What did the shepherds see? What did they hear? How did they feel? What did they do afterwards? Let’s read Luke 2:8–20 together.

## LOOK UP & READ

- Passage:** Luke 2:8-20
- Big Idea:** Jesus is the Light of the World
- Memory Verse:** John 8:12 ICB  
I am the light of the world.



# ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION



## SUGGESTED DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How can we see God’s light in our own lives today?
- How can we “follow the light” like the shepherds did?
- What is one way we can shine Jesus’ light to our family or friends?
- How can our hearts glow with Jesus’ light every day?

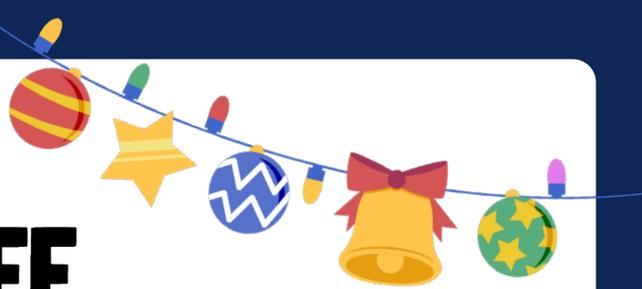
## GOSPEL CONNECTION

The story of the shepherds is not just a happy Christmas moment. It shows us something very important about God’s love. The world was in darkness because of sin. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that disobeys God. Sin separates us from God and fills our hearts with darkness. We cannot fix this darkness on our own. We need someone to rescue us.

God knew we needed help. So He sent Jesus—the Light of the World. Jesus came to bring light where there was darkness. He came to show us who God is and how much He loves us. Jesus did not stay a baby. He grew up, taught people about God’s love, and then did something wonderful and hard. Jesus took the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross. But the darkness could not win. Jesus rose from the dead, alive forever! His light is stronger than death.

Because of Jesus, we do not have to live in darkness anymore. When we believe in Him and follow Him, His Light shines in our hearts. He helps us know what is right, what is true, and what is good. And just like the shepherds, once we see His Light, we can share it with others.

# 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 glow God's light by \_\_\_\_\_.

### SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY

**Family Night Walk** – Schedule a night walk with the family. Check out the lights that light the streets and other areas. Discuss how the family can glow and shine the light of Jesus to other people.

# PRAY TOGETHER



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*God in Heaven, we praise and honor You. Thank You for the gift of love, forgiveness, and grace. Thank You for sending Jesus to us. In Him, we have life and love. May You use our family mightily to share the light that we have found in You. Guide us in telling others about your amazing grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.*