



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

## #4 - And Then There Was Light Genesis 1:3-5

### PICTURES NEEDED

4-1 Light Burst

### REVIEW

- **Big Question:** Where did created things come from?

Jesus is God and created all things.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with the movements.

God

A very different

Being

G—G—God

All powerful,

all seeing

Lift arms up in air and look up

Cross index fingers in front of body then move out sideways

Bring fingers straight down from different

Same as above

Make fists with arms perpendicular up at side

Put right hand above eyes and look around



G

## LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:**

Show visual. (picture 4-1)

What is this a picture of? This is a burst of light. After God made a place to put things and the building blocks (or atoms) things are made up of, he made light. God just said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God said that the light was good.

What makes light good? Something is good when it does what God wants it to do.

What does light do for us? Light gets rid of darkness so we can see. Light keeps us warm. Because there is light plants live, grow, and provide food for all the animals God created. That is God's good plan for light. God's plan for all that he made is good.

What is God's plan for you? God's plan for you is good. He wants you to love him and obey his commands. He wants you to see him through the light of his Son Jesus, then walk in his light, and do good as he does.

**The big question for this week is:** How is Jesus the Light? Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions to check comprehension.

Title: What is light?

Page 1 – Genesis 1:3-4

(Picture of the sun)

Without light there's only darkness  
that's the way things started out,  
Until our God decided  
to bring life on earth about.  
To bring light upon the earth,  
God put in place a burning sun,  
And said that light was good  
when he saw what he had done.

Page 2 – Genesis 1:14-15

(Picture of sun and sky)

Without light there'd be no life  
and everything would die,  
So thank God that he created  
the sun up in the sky.  
He also sent his Son  
to bring light into each soul.  
Jesus shining through us  
should really be our goal.

Page 3 – Matthew 5:14-15

(Picture of light bulb and/or candle)

All burning things make light  
and enable us to see.  
They get hot 'cause as they burn,  
they give off energy.  
With the light of Jesus in us,  
burning bright as day,  
His warmth we give to others  
through what we do and say.

Page 4 – 2 Corinthians 4:6

(Picture of a rainbow)

The colors of the rainbow  
are wrapped up in the light.  
Because they're all together,  
they make the light seem white.  
Jesus is the light of life;  
he shows the Father's love.  
He light is pure and holy,  
reflecting God above.

Page 5 – Job 34:21-22

(Picture of a shadow being cast)

Light it travels in a line  
in rays moving very fast,  
So when something blocks its path  
a shadow will be cast.  
Make sure nothing in your life  
blocks God's shining light.  
Turn away from darkness  
and choose to do what's right.

Page 6 – Psalm 89:15-16

(Picture of people looking up at sky)

Remember to thank God  
for the sun up in the sky.  
For without its light and warmth  
everything would die.  
Thank God that his Son  
brings light into your soul,  
Living in his light  
should daily be your goal.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: What happens when there isn't any light? How did God overcome the darkness?

What did he say about the light?

Page 2: Why wouldn't there be any life without light? What is the soul? How does Jesus bring light to each soul? How can the light of Jesus shine through us?

Page 3: What do burning things produce? Why do they get hot? How do we show others the light of Jesus in us?

Page 4: What does a rainbow show? What does the light of Jesus show?

Page 5: How does light travel? What happens when something blocks the path light is moving along? What should we watch out for in our own life? How do we make sure we don't block God's light?

Page 6: Why should we thank God for the sun? Why should we thank God for Jesus?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

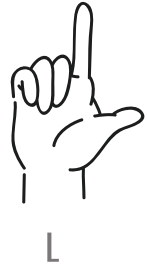
- **Prayer:** Thank God for the gift of life. Thank him for creating everything that we need for both physical and spiritual life. Thank him for sending his Son so that we can know him and the life he gives. Pray that your life would reflect Jesus in the things you do and say.
- **Big Question:** How is Jesus the Light? Jesus enables us to live and see God.

## ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

L—L	Make sign of "L"
Light	Flash fingers of both hands in front of body
Enables us to see	Put hands above eyes and look around
L—L—Light	Same as above
Heat and	Cross arms and rub arms up and down
Energy	Move hands back and forth rapidly in front



★ **Activity:** Walking in the Light Drawing

Draw a picture of someone doing good things that shows he is walking in the light. Explain what the person is doing.

★ **Coloring:** Color in the light burst with the colors of a rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet)

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes. With which sound does light begin?

★ **Song:** Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam

Verse 1:

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,  
To shine for Him each day;  
In every way try to please Him,  
At home, at school, at play.

Chorus:

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,  
Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;  
A sunbeam, a sunbeam,  
I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

Verse 2:

Jesus wants me to be loving,  
And kind to all I see;  
Showing how pleasant and happy  
His little one can be.  
(Sing Chorus)

Verse 3:

I will ask Jesus to help me,  
To keep my heart from sin;  
Ever reflecting His goodness,  
And always shine for Him.  
(Sing Chorus)

Verse 4:

I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus;  
I can if I but try;  
Serving Him moment by moment,  
Then live with Him on high.  
(Sing Chorus)

- **Craft:** Light Burst

As a reminder that there was only darkness when God created light, make a scratch off picture.

Materials: Scratch-off paper (purchased or made by the students), pointed sticks or pencils

Preparation: You can buy scratch off paper at a school supply store or you can make your own over a couple weeks by having the children color a half piece of paper completely with different colored crayons. Once the entire paper is colored, it is completely colored over with a black crayon or thick black paint.

Instructions: Have the children draw a starburst pattern, star or sun on the scratch-off paper.

- **Discovery Activity:** The Need for Light

Blindfold the children and have them complete an activity such as picking up toys. Talk about how it is difficult to do things in the dark and how important the light God created is for living and being able to do things well.

## JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.