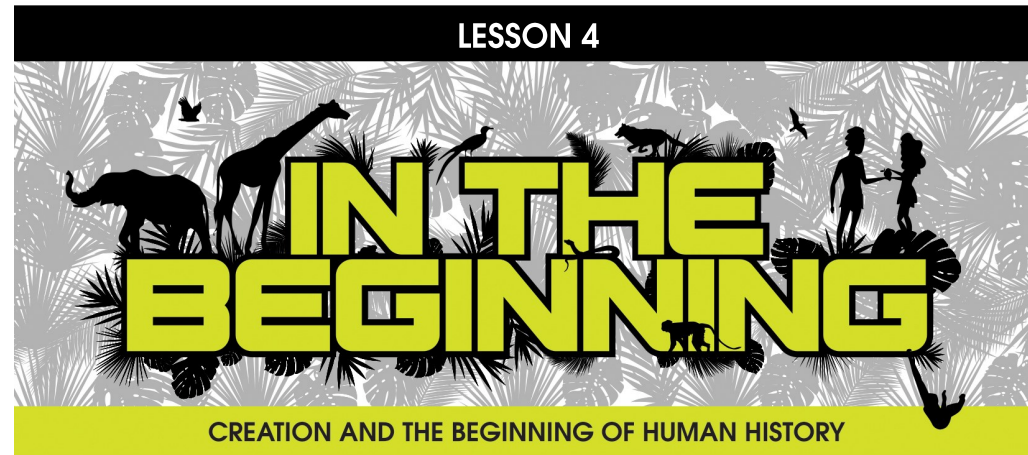


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Lesson Passage—Genesis 1:3-5

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

How is Jesus the Light?

MEMORY VERSE

John 1:3-4

3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4(In him was life, and that life was the light of men.)

Through God's word we discover what is right and true.
Then we live it out in all we say and do.



Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: What happens when there isn't any light? How did God overcome the darkness? What did he say about the light?

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

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

Day 4: What do the colors of the rainbow show? What does the light of Jesus show?

Day 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?

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

Concluding Lesson

Review: Why wouldn't there be any life without light? What is the soul? How does Jesus bring light to each soul? How can Jesus shine through us? Why should we thank God for the sun? Why should we thank God for Jesus?

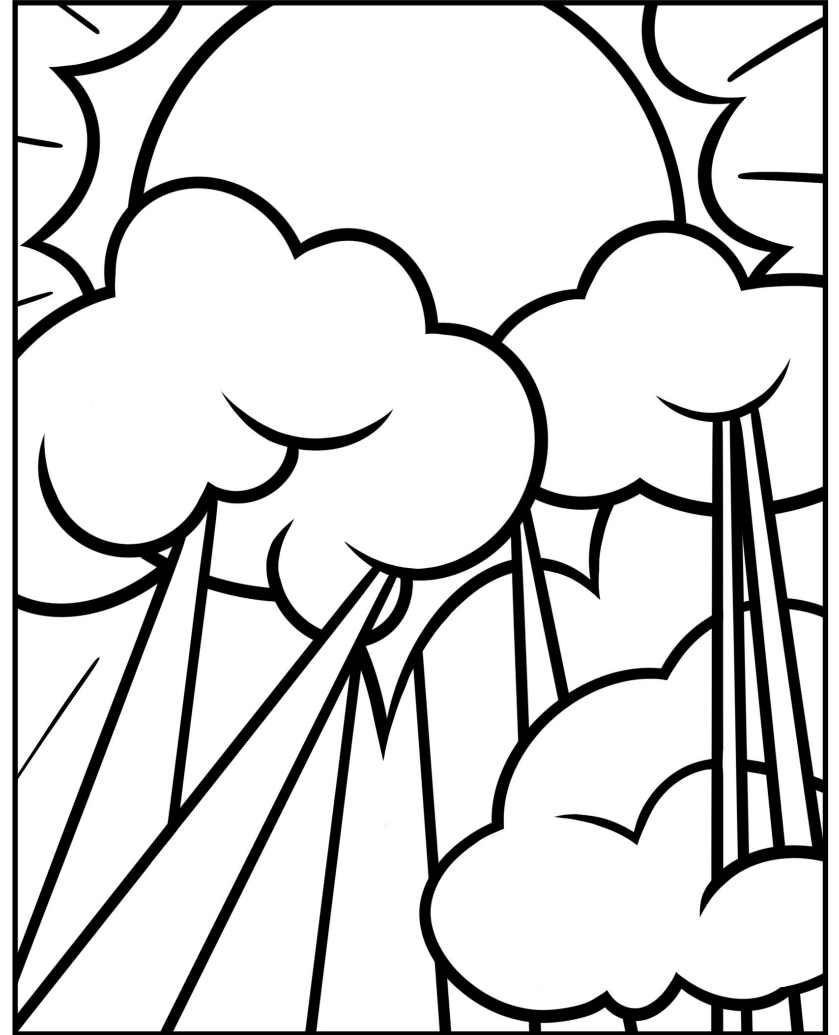
Prayer: Thank God for the gift of life. Thank him for creating everything that we need for both physical and spiritual life. Thank him for sending his Son so that we can know him and the life he gives. Pray that your life would reflect Jesus in the things you do and say.

Application: Go outside in the afternoon when the light of the sun is shining at an angle. See what kinds of shadows you can make with your body and other objects. Think about things in your life that block Jesus' light and cast a shadow on others so that they can't see the light of Jesus in you.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

#4

How is Jesus the Light?



The Light of Jesus enables us to
live and see God.

Day 1 Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 1:3-4: ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Day 6 Draw a picture of children looking at the sun.

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 daily in his light
should always be your goal.

What does the verse mean?

Psalm 89:15-16: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness.

Day 5 Draw a picture of a tree and its shadow.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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Job 34:21-22: ²¹ "His eyes are on the ways of men; he sees their every step. ²² There is no dark place, no deep shadow, where evildoers can hide.

Day 2 Draw a picture of the earth and sun.

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.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 1:14-15: ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so.

Day 3

Draw a picture of a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Matthew 5:14-15: ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Day 4

Draw a 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.
His light is pure and holy,
reflecting God above.

What does the verse mean?

2 Corinthians 4:6:⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.