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Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

Digging Deeper: What are characteristics of the Light?

Reading 1: John 1:1-5 The Light is the life of men.

What existed in the beginning? Who is the Word? What has come through the Word? What does verse 4 mean? What is the relationship between light and darkness?

Reading 2: John 12:34-36 Darkness can't overtake the Light.

How can darkness overtake light? How do we trust in the Light? What happens to us when we trust in the Light?

Reading 3: John 12:37-46 The Light brings people out of darkness.

How were the words of Isaiah fulfilled in terms of Jesus? Why wouldn't many of the Pharisees who believed in Jesus confess their faith? Who did Jesus say men would see when they believe in him? What did Jesus come as? For what reason? What does it mean to stay in darkness?

Reading 4: 1 John 1:1-7 There is no darkness in Light.

What was John proclaiming? For what reason was he proclaiming that? What does it mean that there is no darkness in God? What is the result of walking in darkness? What is the result of walking in light?

Reading 5: 1 John 2:7-11 You can't hate your brother and live in the Light.

Who lives in darkness? What does the darkness do to him? Who lives in the light? What does the person who lives in the light do? What doesn't he do? What does that mean?

Reading 6: Matthew 6:22-23 Investigating the Human Eye

Charles Darwin, the man who first developed the Theory of Evolution, said that the thought of the human eye made him ill because he couldn't understand how it could be formed through natural selection. Look up the human eye on the Internet and read about its design. Think about how the design of the eye is related to the light God created. What enables the eye to receive light? What focuses the light rays to give a clear picture? How does the eye receive color? What is the role of the brain in terms of sight? Does the eye show evidence of design? How? Which is a more reasonable explanation for the human eye: evolution or creation? Why?



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

LESSON 4



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

How is Jesus the Light?

MEMORY VERSE

John 1:3-4

³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the 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.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **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, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

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Jesus enables us to live and see God.

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DIGGING DEEPER

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. In John 8:12 Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* The question to consider while reading the passages is: What are characteristics of the light that Jesus brings to the world?

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