

GOD'S WORD IS A LAMP!

SUPPLIES:

Glowsticks for each family member, Bible.

Ahead of time, set up a "path" on the floor using painter's tape. Turn off all the light and have each member try and walk the path in the dark. This should be near impossible since they can't see the line of tape on the floor! Then have them try again using the light from a glow stick to guide them.

ASK: Which time was easier? Why? (The light let us see the path we were supposed to walk on...)

SAY:

The glow stick help us to see where we were walking. It not only shows us where to put our feet, but it also shows us where not to put our feet.

Using the light from your glow stick, **READ:** Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

God's Word, the Bible, gives us instructions and shows us where to walk and where not to walk in our lives; just like the glow stick helped us walk the correct path in the dark. His Word guides us in the dark world.



**5 FAMILY
DEVOTIONS**

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Commit as a family to a 30-Day Bible reading plan, starting tonight. Choose this plan from Faithward.org (QR code), or find one of your own. Use the next month of family devotions to read the passage and talk about what it says!



PRAYER: Lord, thank you for the Bible, your Word. Please help me to learn Your Word and to use it always as a lamp to guide my path. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK JELL-O!

1

SUPPLIES:

Green apple, red, orange, or blue Jell-O (avoid lemon or lime as it will taste very bitter with the tonic water), water, tonic water, and a black light.

Have fun making glow-in-the dark jello together! Make the Jell-O as per the instructions on the box, substituting tonic water for the cold water. Allow to set and enjoy in front of a black light which will make the Jell-O glow.

ASK: What do you think it is that makes this jello glow in the dark? (The tonic water you placed inside it)

SAY: We can glow in the dark, too! Not exactly in the way this jello glows, but as a shining light for Jesus in the world! We can shine for him because he has placed his light in our hearts so that we could glow for him and point the way to him for others.

READ: 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT) and Matthew 5:16 (NirV)

SPARKLER DEVOS!

2

SUPPLIES:

Sparklers, lighter, poster board and markers.

Go outside and light sparklers together after dinner. Point out how amazing it is that it starts with a tiny spark that catches from the flame at the top and then grows into into a beautiful display of light!

READ: 2 Timothy 1:6 (NirV) "This is why I remind you to help God's gift grow, just as a small spark grows into a fire. God put his gift in you!"

Another Bible translation puts it this way: "So I ask you to make full use of the gift God gave you!"

SAY: Just like the sparkler, the gifts God gives us when we choose to follow him can grow into something bigger and brighter as we use them for Jesus! These can be things like helping, giving, teaching, leading, organizing, having strong faith, and encouraging others!

Then God also gives us talents (like painting, sports, music, dancing, drawing,

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For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts!

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do, and they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."

SAY: God placed his light in our lives and then tells us we are to shine it for others to see. What are some ways we can shine our lights for Jesus tomorrow? (Brainstorm and decide on a few ideas you will try tomorrow!)

PRAYER: God, thank you that you are the light of the world! You even created light - how amazing! Thank you that you make your light shine in our lives. Help us to let that light shine to others by living the way you want us to. Help us be brave as we try out our ideas tomorrow to share the light of your love with others. Amen.

SPARKLER DEVOS CONT.

etc.), unique personality traits (being funny, outgoing, quiet, positive, thinker, etc.), things we are really passionate about (fairness, including people, helping those who have less, families, etc) and unique experiences (speak multiple languages, have moved schools or cities, etc).

When we put all this together and use it for Jesus, he can use us to bless others, and shine light in the world!

Using the pasteboard and markers, make a family list of your gifts, talents, personalities, passions and experience.

Talk about how you can use these to bless and serve others. Decide on a couple you will use this week!

PRAYER: God, thank you for our family and the gifts you place in our lives. Help us to grow these into brighter and brighter lights for you as we use them to bless and serve people around us. Amen.

3

FLASHLIGHT DEVOS!

SUPPLIES:

Flashlight

Go on a family flashlight scavenger hunt in the dark. Use this list, or make one of your own. See how many of these objects you are able to find using the light from your flashlight.

INDOOR

Page 17 of a book • Wheel • Red crayon or marker • Animal (real, toy, or picture) • Dice • Ball • Piece of jewellery • Toilet paper • Money • Spoon

OUTDOOR

Leaf • Wheel • Spider Web • Insect • Rock • Piece of garbage • Something shiny • Pinecone • Feather • Stop Sign

SAY: Some of those things were hard hard to find in the dark, weren't they? Good thing we had the flashlight - that sure made things easier!

ASK: What happens to the darkness when we shine the light? (It disappears!)

4

VIDEO DEVOS!

SUPPLIES:

Phone

Memorize John 8:12 as a family tonight!

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life!"

Watch the video, learn the actions, and sing along! Simply scan the QR code on this card and off you go!



FLASHLIGHT DEVOS CONT.

READ: 1 John 1:5 (NIV) "God is Light! In Him there is no darkness at all!"

SAY: The Bible doesn't say God is like a light - it says that he IS light! When God is present, the darkness disappears! God wants us to use our words and actions to shine the light of Christ in the dark places in our world - maybe places where people are sad, afraid, or discouraged. You can act like this flashlight and shine God's light into their darkness!

Think of someone your family knows who might be experiencing darkness in their lives right now. Commit to one way you will shine God's light for them this week.

PRAYER: Thank you, God that you are light, and that you shine light into the darkness. Thank you that you are always with us, and light our way for us. Help us to look for others who may be experiencing darkness in their lives and help us to shine the light of your love for them. Amen.