

Unit 5 Lesson 3

Heartprint: **I find who I am in Jesus**

Memory Verse: **John 3:16**

January 17, 2021

Link To our Large Group Video: <https://youtu.be/4sknqL48oHI>

Song: John 3:16 Song (video of song and lyrics): <https://youtu.be/z2c4XkbPtEE>

John 3:16 Song (our video with motions): <https://youtu.be/nKfHG8jggVI>

Activity: *Find the Block!*

Items Needed:

- 2 Blindfolds
- 2 Flashlights
- Multiple large colored blocks

Instructions:

Select two players and blindfold both. Divide the rest of the class in half and name each team either the yellow team or the blue team. Put only one yellow block and one blue block as well as multiple other colored blocks on the floor. (You will need some space to play this)

1. **FIRST TRY:** Place two blindfolded children on an X on the floor. Once you say "Go!" the blindfolded players are guided only by their teammates' commands until they find the color block that matches their team color. (Example: take 2 big steps to the right, now 2 steps forward, etc). If they touch the wrong color block, (even with their shoe) they must go back to start (the X). Give each child a turn trying to find the right block.

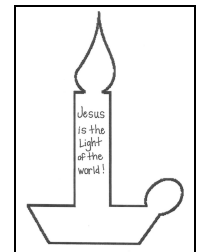
2. **SECOND TRY:** Keep the lights down but let the child have a flashlight and no blindfold. Ask them to find the right color block. If they touch the wrong block, they have to go back to the X.

Connection Point: It was difficult for us to see where we were going with the blindfold on or with the lights down low, having the flashlight definitely helped us. When things are hard for us to understand, we can look to Jesus for help and hope. Jesus is our light and He gives us truth. Jesus is our hope in this dark world. When we believe in Him, He gives us His light. When we have the light of Jesus, we can find our way!

Craft: *Jesus is the Light*

Items Needed:

- Candlestick template with "Jesus is the Light of the world"
- Crayons
- Glue
- Yellow/orange tissue paper pieces



Instructions:

Allow children to color their candlestick. Then assist them in putting some glue onto the flame and adding yellow and orange tissue paper pieces to resemble a flame.

Connection Point: Remind children that a candle can give us light. When it is dark, the light from a candle allows us to see. The world can be a dark place, but Jesus came to be the light and give us hope. When we believe in Jesus, we have the light of Jesus in us, too! Then we can shine Jesus' light to those around us and give them hope!

Bible Lesson: Jesus is the Light and Gives Us Hope

Memory Verse: God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him shall never die but have eternal life. John 3:16

Items Needed: Glow Sticks

This week's story is taken from John 8:12-30:

Have you ever tried to walk in the dark? It is hard to walk in a room that has no light! Without light to help us see we get lost and sometimes even hurt! When I go to bed at night I keep a small night light by my bed so that I can see if I wake up and it is still dark outside.

Today in our story Jesus talks to the people about light and darkness.

Let's open our Bibles to John 8:

Jesus was teaching the people and He told them, "I am the light of the world and those who believe in me will never live in darkness." Jesus said, "Those who believe will have my light that gives life."

But the Pharisees did not believe Jesus. They thought He sounded ridiculous! They shook their heads and said, "Why do you say these things about yourself? No one believes you, and no one is saying these things about you!"

Jesus told them he was speaking the truth. Jesus said, "I know where I came from, where I am going and who sent me."

Raise your hand if you know where Jesus came from? (point to heaven) Heaven! Do you know who sent Jesus? God! Do you know where Jesus is going? (point to heaven) Heaven! Jesus is going to heaven to sit at God's right hand.

Jesus said, "My Father is my witness that what I am saying is true."

The Pharisees were confused. They said, "Well since you brought up your father, where is he?" The Pharisees thought Jesus was talking about his earthly father, but we know the truth about who Jesus' father is! Who is Jesus' father? God! Jesus told the Pharisees, "You will lift up the Son of Man and then you will know that everything I have said is true and that my Father gave me the authority to say these things".

When Jesus said, "You will lift up the Son of Man" what does that mean? (Point to picture of the cross). Jesus was talking about going to the cross. The Pharisees were confused because they did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God sent by God to save us.

I am glad that Jesus shows us the truth about all of these things:

- Jesus is from Heaven.

- God sent Jesus.
- Jesus was going to Heaven to sit at God's right hand.
- God is Jesus' father.
- Jesus was lifted up on the cross.
- Jesus is the light of the world.
- Jesus gives us His light.

Jesus is the light of the world and our hope. When we believe in Jesus we also have the light of life in us. Others see us and they see the light of Jesus!

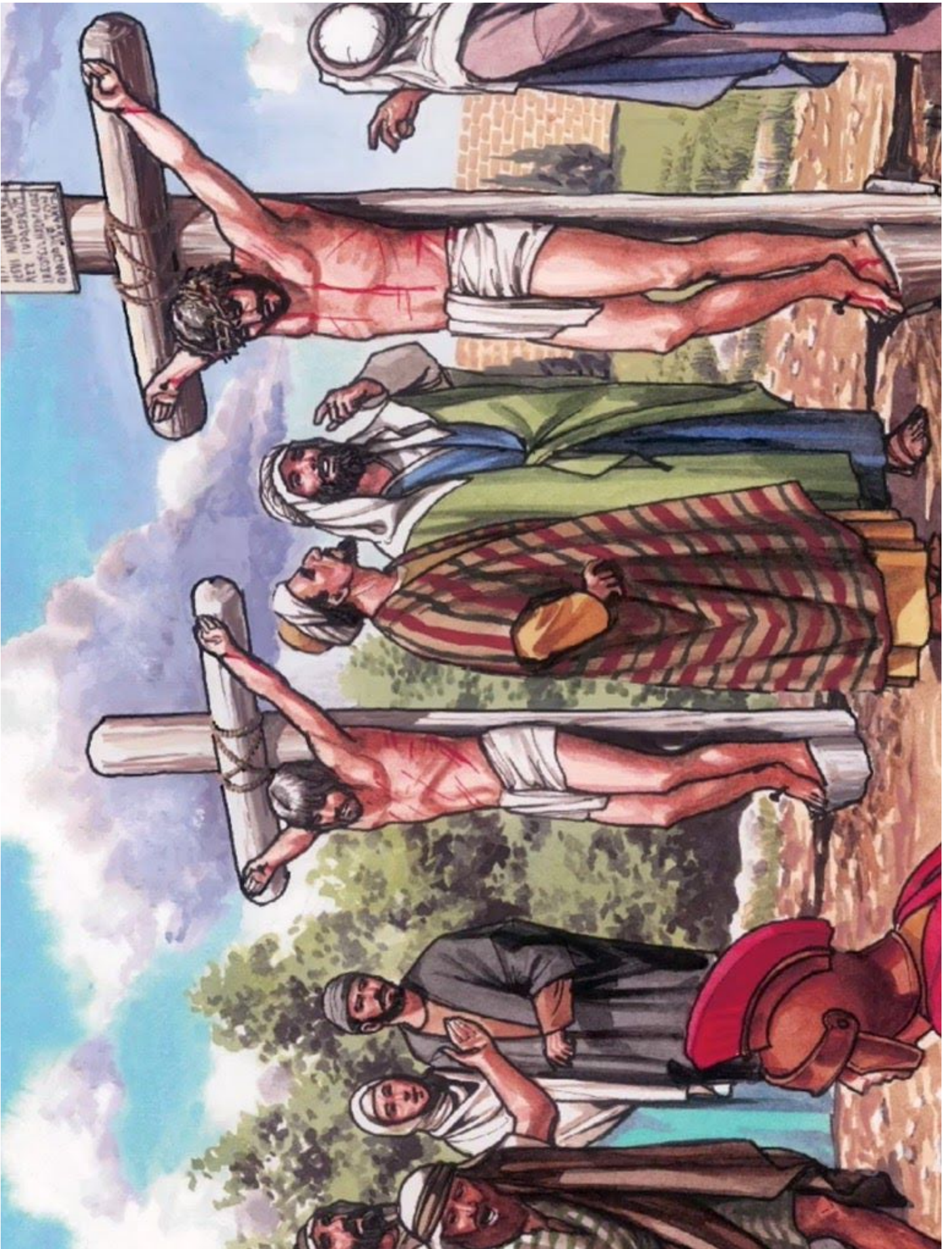
How can you be the light of Jesus today? (Pass out glow sticks and turn down the overhead light). Sing: "This Little Light of Mine"

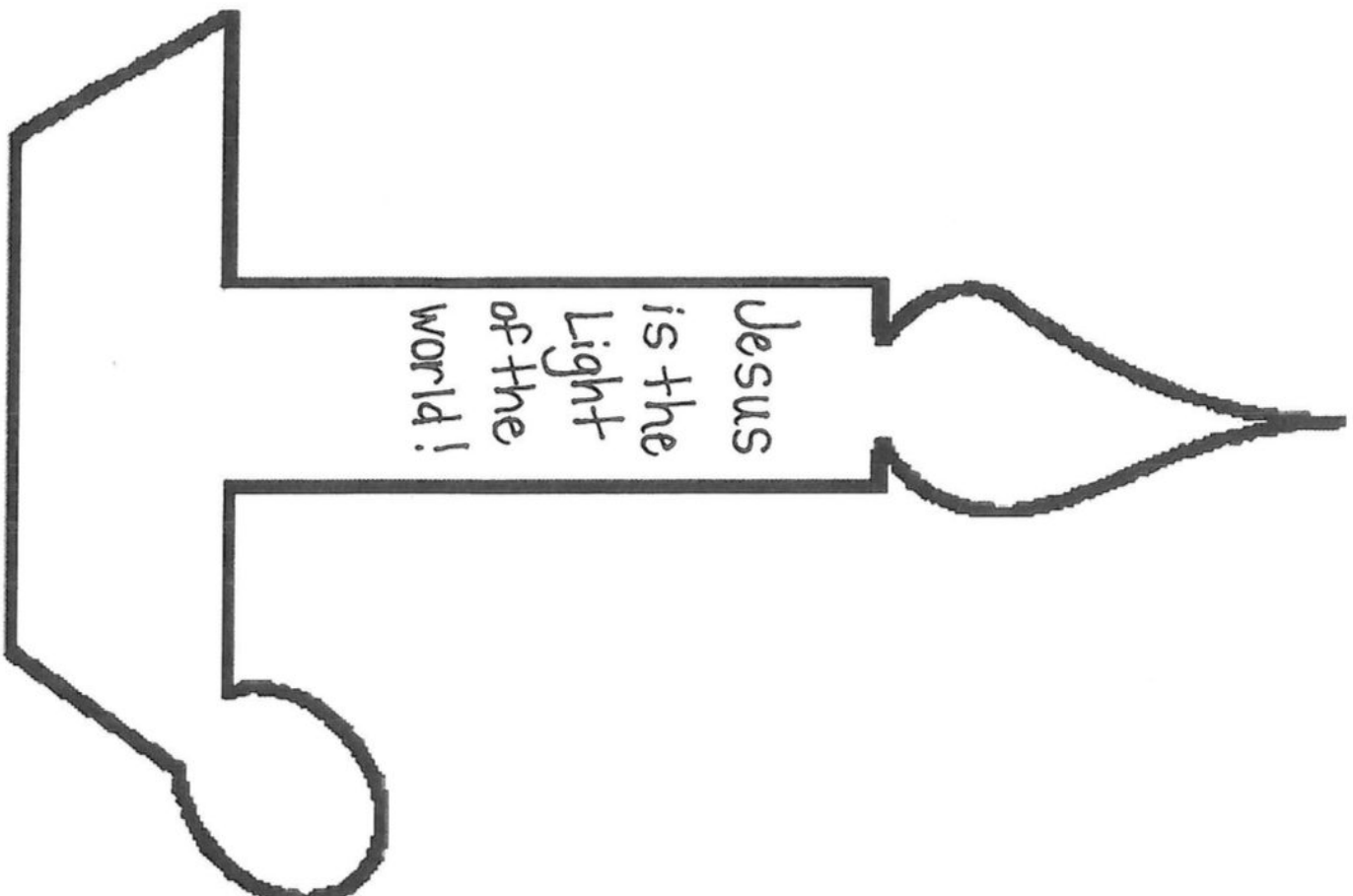
Let's Pray:

God thank you for sending your Son to be lifted up so that we can have His light! Help us shine the light of Jesus this week so that others might learn the truth. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

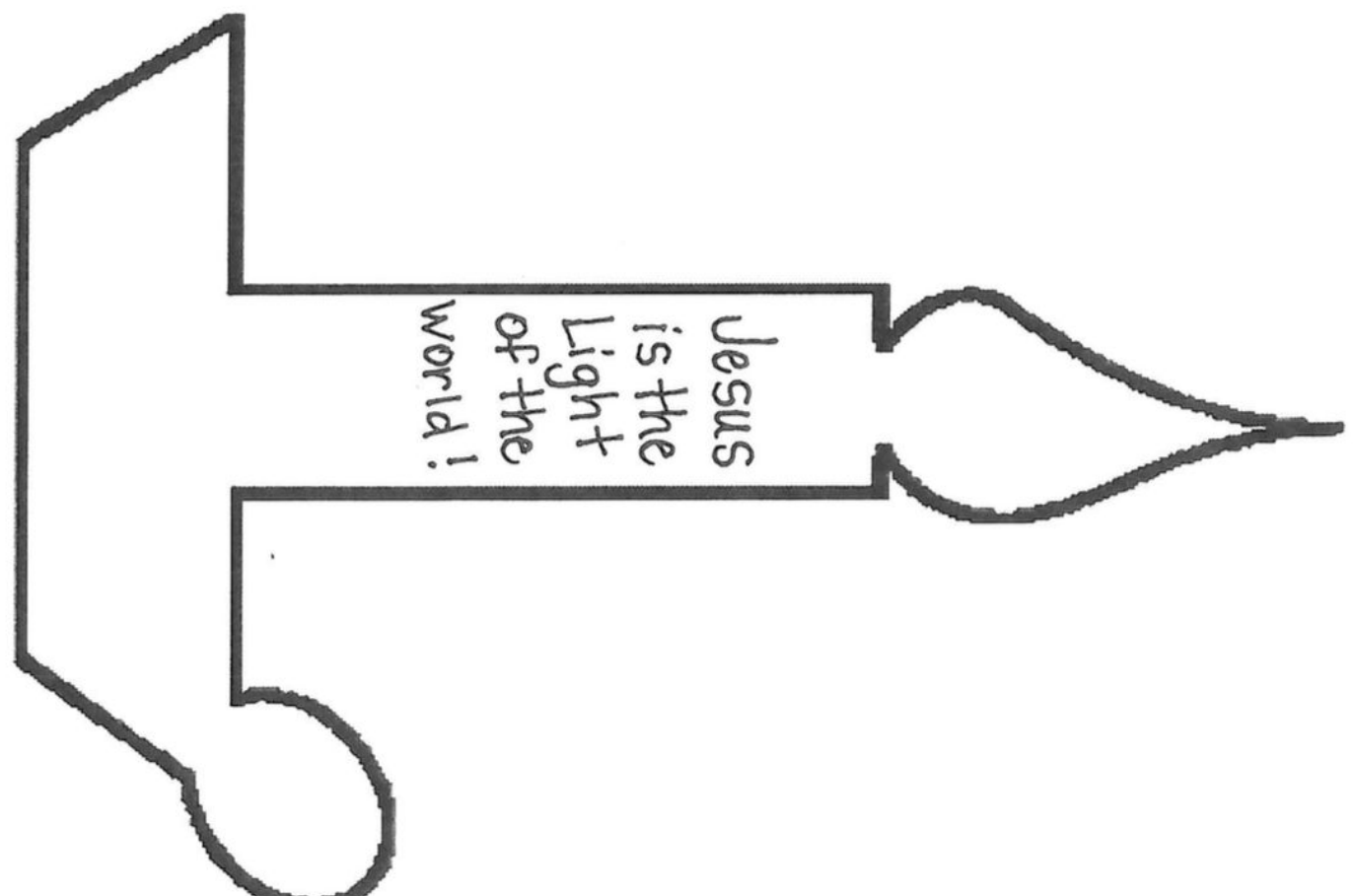
Questions:

1. Who is the light of the world? Jesus
2. Who sent Jesus to the world? God
3. Who is Jesus' father? God
4. Where is Jesus now? At the father's right hand; Heaven
5. Who gives us His light? Jesus!





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