



Lesson 4: God is my Light Online Plan

<u>Key Teaching Point</u>	God is my light. He helps me know and do what is right.
<u>Bible Verse</u>	“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105, NLT)
<u>Scripture Passage</u>	“Solomon asks for wisdom.” (1 Kings 3:5-14, NLT)
<u>Materials</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible • (Optional) A tray of random objects for a memory game • A picture of a lighthouse on the internet
<u>Mystery Bag (Optional)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide each student with a glow stick as a reminder of the Bible verse from Psalm 119.

Relate (10 minutes)

Welcome crew members.

Greet crew members as they sign on.

Icebreaker Options (choose one):

- Ask students to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week.)
- Rosebud: Ask students to share a highlight or success from the week (a rose), a challenge or disappointment from the week (a thorn) and something they are looking forward to doing or experiencing in the week ahead (a bud).
- Open a discussion with a question, “Have you ever made the wrong choice? What happened? What would have helped you make a better choice?”

Play a game.

Memory

Divide the students into two teams and lead them in playing an online version of Memory. Here’s one [free online memory game](#) you can play

while sharing your screen with students.

You can also play this game by creating a tray of objects and placing it in front of the camera. Then while students' eyes are closed, remove one of the objects. The first team to identify the missing object wins a point for their team.

You could also choose your own game from the [Zoom Playbook](#).



Receive (10 minutes)

Read God's Word.

Today's story is all about wisdom, or making the right choices. It's not always easy for kids to know what choice to make in a given situation.

There was a man in the Bible named Solomon who was given a choice from God - a choice that I bet you wish you had. God appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him that he would give him anything that he wanted. If you were Solomon what would you choose?

Take student responses.

Money? Being famous? Cars? A fancy vacation? A mansion?

Solomon asked God for wisdom. He wanted to know what is right and wrong and how to make good choices and to please God! God was so pleased with his request that he granted it and made Solomon the wisest man in the world. He also blessed Solomon with riches and power too!

To make wise choices, we need guidance from someone with more knowledge, power and wisdom than us - that's God!

Today, we are learning this name for God: God is my Light. Just like light helps us see in the darkness, God helps us see our lives with his eyes. He helps us make good choices by giving us wisdom.

Tell the students to close their eyes and imagine that they are asleep, like Solomon was when God appeared to him in a dream. Ask them to listen as you read the paraphrased version of 1 Kings 3:5-14.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"

"Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong.

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. So God replied, “Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have!

And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.”

Open a discussion:

- **What did Solomon ask God for?** (wisdom, an understanding heart)
- **What is wisdom?** (knowing the difference between right and wrong)
- **Why do you think Solomon asked God for wisdom instead of other things, like riches or fame?** (Answers will vary. You may point out that wisdom would be an important quality for a king, who is responsible for leading many people.)
- **Today’s name for God is “God is my Light.” How is wisdom like light?** (Answers will vary.)
- **How do you know what is right and wrong? Is it ever hard to know? When?** (Answers will vary.)
- **How does God guide us? Where can we get wisdom?** (prayer and God’s word)



Respond (10 minutes)

Apply God’s truth.

Share your screen and show students [a picture of a lighthouse.](#)

What is this? What does it do?

Take student responses.

A lighthouse. . .

- warns of danger
- helps the sailor know which way to go
- keeps the sailor safe from rocks, sand, etc.

Sometimes life is like the storm in this picture. We can’t always see which way to go or what choices to make. Sometimes we make bad choices and get hurt or hurt others. This is called sin. But God is our light. How is God like a lighthouse?

God . . .

- tells us what is right and wrong.
- guides us when we keep our eyes on him.
- warns us of danger and helps us know which way to go.

Where do we get this wisdom from God?

Take student responses. Then, review the Bible verse.

God's Word is a light for us - that's where we get God's wisdom. God gave Solomon wisdom because he asked for it - and God gives us wisdom for our life too if we look for it in his word. We don't have to be lost and confused about our lives. Will you make God's word a lamp for your feet and a light for your path?

Close in prayer together.

One way you can think of what to say when you pray is the letters from the word "PRAY." We can use the words "Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield" to talk to God about what we've learned today about God being our light.

Praise: God you are the light of the world!

Repent: I am sorry for when I disobey you and walk in darkness.

Ask: Please help me to walk in your light and know who you are and what you'd have me do and say.

Yield: I trust that you will lead me as I follow and serve you.

Take personal prayer requests and close in prayer.