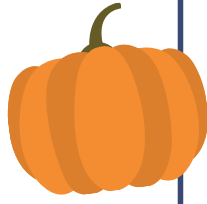


Activity: Light association

List as many characteristics and uses of light as you can. Light:

- removes darkness
- provides heat
- shows the way
- causes growth
- gives life
- transmits messages
- shows what's really happening
- reveals imperfections

You could make this into a game by seeing who can think of the most characteristics/uses.



Craft: Pumpkin Collage

Lots of people decorate pumpkins at this time of year, often with scary designs. Draw or print off an outline of a pumpkin and create a happy design full of symbols to show how God has beaten all darkness or just a happy, smiley face. When it's finish hang it up in a window in your home.

Story: Matthew 5:14-16 (Let Your Light Shine)

In Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus says "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel, Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." When Jesus told us we are the light of the world, He was giving us a picture of who we are supposed to be. We are to be Christians everywhere we go. We should act in such a way, that others see Jesus in us and because of what they see they glorify God. The lights we have today are different they come with a switch which can be turned on and off easily. If we want to we can just turn our light off and we act like everyone else. Then when we feel like doing something for Jesus, we turn our light back on again. If we don't want to talk to that person sitting all alone on the playground, we just turn off our light. When we decide to help someone pick up all their papers, they just dropped, we turn it back on again. When we don't stick up for someone that others are making fun of, we turn off our light. When we are at church, we turn the light back on. Funny thing is, that doesn't work. When we act like the world, like people who don't know Jesus....the world think we're just like them. Then when we decide to turn on our light, the world sees us as a fake. The truth is when we switch our light off we are not doing what Jesus told us to do. Sin brings darkness instead of light. Jesus said we are not to put our lamp under a basket and hide it. The next time you feel think about hiding your Christian faith, remember Jesus told us to let our lights shine so that others seeing our good works, would glorify our Father in heaven. Go and let your light shine today and throughout this week everywhere you go.

Worship: New Wine Kids 'Carry the light' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vPWqP90IQg>
Nick & Becky Drake 'City on hill' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2oCtUYdu8E>
LZ7 'This little light of mine' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_C4XwH7UitU

Bible verse:

The light keeps shining in the dark, and the darkness has never put it out. John 1:5

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you that your light always shines and nothing can defeat you. Help me to remember that I don't need to be afraid of anything, but I can put my trust in You, Amen.

For more resources check out Urban Saints Energize website: <https://www.energize.uk.net/>

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