LESSON 11: IT'S A LIGHT!

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GAME REPRISE (IF TIME ALLOWS)

Memory Verse: *Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105

GAME TIME

FIND YOUR MARBLES

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

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Teacher Tip: Large quantities of chocolate pudding can be purchased pre-made in a commercial size. For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow kids to partake in sampling the food items.

Supplies: ☐ 2 Blindfolds, ☐ 1 Bag of colored marbles, ☐ 1 Bag of clear marbles, ☐ 2 Small bowls for marbles, ☐ 2 Small bowls filled with water, ☐ 2 Large bowls filled with chocolate pudding , ☐ Baby wipes/towels

Prior to Game:

- Place supplies on table.
- Mix the clear and colored marbles in 2 large bowls.
- Separate the pudding into the 2 large bowls, and cover the marbles with the chocolate pudding.
- Place 2 small bowls of water by each station for the kids to drop their chocolate-covered marbles in to be cleaned.
- Place 2 small bowls by each station for kids to place the **clear** marbles in after they are cleaned in the water bowl.
- Decide in advance how many **clear** marbles found in the pudding will determine a winner.

Game Instructions:

- Select 2 teams, with 2 players on each team.
- One teammate will wear the blindfold, while the other teammate will be their "eyes."
- The teammate without the blindfold will help their teammate with the blindfold find the **clear** marbles in the pudding.
- When a marble is pulled out of the pudding, the teammate with the blindfold will place it in a bowl of water to uncover the color.
- If the marble is not clear, the "seeing" partner will place the colored marble back into the bowl of pudding.

Game Goal:

- To uncover a "predesignated number" of clear marbles, while working together as a team. The teammate without the blindfold is an example of "light" in helping their teammate discover the clear marbles.

Final Word:

- When we read God's Word it becomes a guide and light for our path in this world. Let's say the Memory Verse together from Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."
- Just like our teammate became our "eyes" for this activity, God's Word lights our way through the situations we face each day.

Notes:

REAL DEAL

THOMAS EDISON

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Concept: Highlighting an interesting historical place, figure or event that illustrates the theme of the day. The theme of the day is God's Word being a light to our path.

Teacher Tip: We suggest getting as familiar as possible with the script prior to instructing this lesson. The following script is an example outline that may be helpful to follow during class (it can be modified to fit your teaching style).
Entering in costume is an attention grabber for the Superkids. When presenting the information to the kids, it's helpful to have pictures available.

Teen Tip: Reviewing the script prior to class and involving teen helpers is a great way to keep the kids involved and attentive.

Costume: ☐ White button-up shirt, ☐ Dark suit vest, ☐ Dark slacks, ☐ Hair slicked down to one side

Intro:

- Today we're talking about God's Word being a light to our path. Now, it's true that all light comes from God, but there are some people who learned how to harness light and make it available for the world to see. The man we'll be learning about today, spoke this famous quote, "Genius is one percent inspiration, and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

Ask **Has anyone heard this quote? Does anyone know who said it?**

- Today, we'll be learning about Thomas Edison.

Lesson:

About Thomas Edison

- Thomas Edison was born in 1847 and is often ranked number 1 on a list of the most important people in the last 1,000 years.
- His inventions and work in electrical engineering have "lit up the world."
- Thomas Edison was a daydreamer. At the age of 7, Thomas' mother began home schooling, which gave Thomas the freedom to think, learn and explore. Thomas showed talent as a businessman at the age of 7, by selling candy, newspapers and vegetables on trains to earn money.

Thomas the Inventor

- Thomas Edison accepted his first job at the age of 19, working nights for a news company. He wanted to work nights so he'd have plenty of time to work on his inventions and experiments. One night while experimenting, he accidentally spilled battery acid on his boss' desk and was fired immediately.
- But sometimes when situations look bad, they soon turn out for the better. After being fired from his first job, an inventor friend invited Thomas to live and work with him. This opportunity was the launching point of Thomas' career. His first invention emerged—an electric vote counter.

Building the Biggest Science Lab

- Thomas had so many cool ideas rolling around in his head, and most of his ideas dealt with electricity, light and sound. He dreamt of building a big science lab, with lots of inventors working for him, to help make his ideas come to life.
- In 1876 Thomas' dream would become a reality, when he sold his first invention, a telegraph machine, for $10,000! That was a lot of money in 1876 and is a lot of money today, over 133 years later!
- With this money, Thomas Edison built his dream laboratory. The science lab was called Menlo Park—which took up two whole city blocks!

A Bright Idea—The Lightbulb

- Thomas wanted to invent something no one else had been able to; he wanted to invent a lightbulb that everyone could use.
- The first lightbulbs had been developed 50 years before Thomas was born, but they only lasted a few hours and were expensive to make, so no one could afford them. Houses all over the world were still being lit with candles.
- Thomas said he would "make electricity so cheap that only the rich would burn candles."
- The Vanderbilt family donated plenty of money to help with this experiment.
- In 1879, Thomas Edison developed his first successful lightbulb, which lasted 40 hours. This was great, but meant the lightbulb still lasted less than two days.
- What if you had to change all the lightbulbs in your house every two days? Whew!
- Edison and his team kept working in their lab for another six months until they had complete victory. After a lot of brainstorming, and playing with electricity, he finally did it! A lightbulb was developed that could last over 1,200 hours!
- Before long, homes all over America were able to buy lightbulbs—this "bright" invention changed the world!

Making History:

- Thomas Edison is one of the most amazing inventors of all time. Not only did he invent the lightbulb and the first X-ray machine, he created over 1,093 official inventions.
- Thomas Edison and his invention of the lightbulb started one of the largest companies in the world today, GE (General Electric).

Outro:

- Thomas Edison brought light to homes around the world with his invention of the lightbulb.
- God will bring light to our path and help us live out our BIG dreams and ideas. We want to partner with God and seek Him in all we think and do.

Notes:

OFFERING

GIFTS FOR THE KING

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Offering Scripture: Bring gifts and celebrate, bow before the beauty of God, then to your knees—everyone worship.

Psalm 96:8-9 MSG

Supplies: ☐ A toy camel, ☐ Various spices, ☐ Gold coins, ☐ Costume jewelry, ☐ A bag to contain your items, ☐ Small table

Prior to Lesson:

- Review the story in 1 Kings 10 about the Queen of Sheba bringing gifts to King Solomon.
- Display supplies on a small table.
- Allow a helper to assist with presenting the supplies as the lesson is reviewed with the kids.

Offering Instructions:

- In our Offering Lesson today, we'll be discussing a story about a queen and king.
- The queen was from a place called Sheba and she wanted to visit and honor a famous king. This king was famous for 3 things: being very rich, being very wise, and for serving the One true God.

Ask **Can anyone tell us who this famous king is?**

- Yes! It is King Solomon.
- *(Allow the assistant to display supplies as each item is shared in the story.)*
- The Queen of Sheba wanted to honor and show great respect to King Solomon, so she prepared many gifts to take on her journey.
- The Queen took some of her best camels. She loaded the camels with rare spices, bags of gold coins, and a lot of beautiful jewels.
- All of this was to celebrate and honor a wise and rich king who was best known for serving God.
- Our Offering Scripture from Psalm 96:8-9 says, "Bring gifts and celebrate, bow before the beauty of God, then to your knees—everyone worship."
- This verse describes how we are to act in the presence of a king. Just like the Queen of Sheba brought gifts to honor and celebrate King Solomon, the Bible tells us to bring gifts as an offering and expression of worship to our King.

WORD TIME

IT'S A LIGHT

Memory Verse: *Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105

I. THE WORD OF GOD IS A LIGHT TO OUR PATH

a. God's Word helps us see clearly. Psalm 19:8

b. This light is available to all who choose to believe. John 12:46

c. It is better to walk in light than in darkness! Ephesians 5:8-9

II. KING JEHOSHAPHAT ASKED GOD FOR HELP 2 Chronicles 20

a. King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah were being attacked. 2 Chronicles 20:1-2

b. King Jehoshaphat needed to "see" what to do. 2 Chronicles 20:4

c. When the Word of God came, victory came! 2 Chronicles 20:14-17, 24

III. THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD SHINES ON US AND THROUGH US

a. God's light and His glory shine on us. Isaiah 60:1

b. We are a vessel for God's light. Matthew 5:16

c. God shines His light in our hearts to reveal His goodness. 2 Corinthians 4:6

A Word From Commander Dana: *Because God's Word is a light, and His Word lives in us, we can be a light to all those around us. Because God's Word is powerful and lives in us, we can be powerful by speaking and sharing His goodness with others. Let's go after God's Word and walk in that light.*

God will show us ways to live a life of adventure through His Word and from time in His presence.

God is raising up a bright army of children to shine for Him, and we have the honor of helping these Superkids live the life God has designed for them.

OBJECT LESSON

DARKNESS IS MESSY

Suggested Time: 5-8 minutes

Memory Verse: Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105

Key Scripture: Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Teacher Tip: For safety, it's important to check for possible food allergies. The sandwiches are for demonstration purposes, not for kids to eat. Place supplies in a safe place when not being used during the lesson.

Teen Tip: This is a great opportunity to allow 3 teens to assist with the demonstration.

Supplies: ☐ 1 Large jar of mayonnaise, ☐ 1 Large package of grated cheese, ☐ 6 Slices of bread, ☐ 3 Plates, ☐ 2 Blindfolds, ☐ 1 Tarp

Prior to Lesson:

- Place a tarp or old newspapers on the floor to protect the area from any spillage.
- Arrange supplies on table for easy access and distribution.
- Place a plate, a scoop of mayonnaise, 2 slices of bread and the grated cheese in 3 designated areas for the blindfolded assistants to assemble the sandwiches.
- Play upbeat music during the sandwich challenge.

Lesson Instructions:

- For the Object Lesson today, we'll be making cheese sandwiches. Three volunteers are ready to challenge each other in making "the neatest" cheese sandwich. Sound like an interesting challenge?!
- Oh, we almost forgot to share one twist to this challenge: 2 of the challengers will be wearing blindfolds!
- Let's begin!
- OK—let's take a look at the sandwiches. Wow—they all look very interesting!
- It's much more challenging to make a "neat" cheese sandwich while wearing a blindfold. The 2 volunteers wearing blindfolds were slower and messier making their sandwiches, while our volunteer not wearing a blindfold was able to make a very quick and "neat" sandwich.
- A BIG thank you to our volunteers!
- 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 tells us that the enemy blindfolds people, but God's spoken Word brings light to our lives

and to others.

- Let's read this scripture together.
- This scripture is showing us that as we spend time with God, we will learn to hear His voice in our hearts. We will make mistakes and messes, but God will always be there to help us. We want to hear God's voice and be quick to do what He is showing us.

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HANDOUT

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Superkid Handout Grades 1-3

1. God's Word helps you see clearly! Select the correct word to complete the blanks.

Thomas the Train	Thomas Edison
light	darkness
Word	cold

God's _____ is a lamp to guide my feet and a _____ for my path. (Answer: Word, light)

_____ _____ brought light to homes around the world with his invention of the lightbulb. (Answer: Thomas Edison)

It is better to walk in the light than in _____. (Answer: darkness)

2. The light of God's Word shines on us and through us. How can you shine God's light to others?

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3. Learn the Superkid Creed! Memorize this part, and soon you'll know the whole "Superkid Creed"!

I only allow my eyes and ears and mouth to let in good things.

I keep my heart pure.

Also available on the CD-ROM.

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Superkid Handout Grades 4-6

1. How can God's Word help you see clearly?

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DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT

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Ask **Your Superkid to name the chapter and verse of the above memory verse.**

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Family Review Questions:

1. When you read God's Word it is a guide and light for your path in this world. How has God's Word guided a recent decision you made?
2. By walking in the light of God's Word, how can you be a light to others around you?

Tips for Parents: *This Dinnertime Devotional can be used at any mealtime, and is designed to reinforce the truths being taught at Superkid Academy.*

Make sure you set the example by reading the verses out loud from your Bible. (We use the New Living Translation with most of our lessons, but reading from other translations can also provide a great teaching opportunity.)

Take a few minutes to read any other scriptures listed in the lesson so you can reinforce the main theme.

Let your questions guide the discussion time. In other words, allow your kids to do most of the talking. We've provided some questions here, but feel free to add more, using examples from your own life. (Remember to avoid asking questions that only require yes or no answers, since they do not foster conversation.)

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SUPPLY LIST

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