

FAITH AT HOME 4 LIGHT

Did you take a photo of a street light?



In the day-time the street lights are turned off! It might seem obvious, but can you explain why this is, as if you were talking to someone who had never thought about it before?

Read these verses from the Bible and think about how LIGHT is described.

The first words are from Jesus, in what is called the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 5:14-16 (GNB)

¹⁴ "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

The second reading is from the Old Testament in the time of Moses. God said that this prayer could be used to bless his people.

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

I wonder which of these readings is your favourite? Why do you like it?

- See if you can find a torch somewhere at home.
- Choose a place in your room which is full of light – maybe by the window or underneath a light.
- Now look at the torch beam. If you had to give the torch a score out of 10 for how bright it looks, what would you give it?
- Now find a dark place in your room. It could be under a chair, a cushion or a blanket. Put the torch on again in this place. Now give your torch a mark out of 10 for brightness. What did it score this time?

Maybe your torch scored a different mark in the light and in the dark. Why do you think this might be?

In the Bible, the word “light” is often used to show God’s love and goodness that he pours on us.

The word “dark” is used to mean the opposite – things that are bad and not from God.

Perhaps you feel that at the moment the world is quite a “dark” place – bad and frightening things are happening. In the first Bible passage, from Matthew, there is an idea about how we can be part of the light in the world.

Think about what you could do to be light for the world. Like the torch, do you think that good things show up more clearly when the world seems hard?

If you would like to, you could make a poster like this.

Write or draw some ways that you could show God’s love when things seem hard.

You could listen to the “UK BLESSING”

Many churches have joined together to sing the words of Numbers 6.

If you like, say these words together as you ask for God’s light and blessings on you and the people you live with.



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the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*