



Week 2: The Light Breaks Through

Big Idea: Jesus is our light in the darkness.

Scripture: Luke 2:8–20; Matthew 2:1–12; Isaiah 9:2; John 3:16

Summary: When Jesus was born, light literally broke through the night sky — and spiritually broke through the world’s darkness. From shepherds in the fields to wise men from far away, God revealed that this light was for everyone, everywhere. This session celebrates the arrival of Jesus as the ultimate “lights flipped on” moment in human history.

WHAT?

When Jesus was born, light literally and spiritually broke into the world’s darkness.

In Luke 2, angels appeared to shepherds — ordinary, overlooked people — announcing “*good news that will bring great joy to all people.*” In Matthew 2, a bright star led wise men from a distant land — outsiders to Israel — all the way to Jesus. Both groups experienced a moment where the light of heaven cut through the darkness of their world. The shepherds represented the poor and unnoticed; the wise men represented the educated and far away. But both encountered Jesus — proof that God’s light reaches *everyone*.

Summary:

The birth of Jesus is the moment when heaven’s light broke through earth’s darkness, inviting all people to come and see.

SO WHAT?

This story shows that **Jesus came for everyone**, not just the religious or put-together.

From shepherds in a field to wise men from another country, God made it clear that the light of Jesus is available to all. That means Jesus is available to you — right where you are, no matter what your past looks like. And when you encounter Him, it changes everything. The shepherds left praising God and couldn’t stop sharing what they’d seen. The wise men bowed down in worship and gave their best gifts. When you truly meet Jesus, you can’t walk away the same.

Summary:

Jesus’ light is for everyone, and when we encounter it, it transforms our hearts, our purpose, and the way we see others.

1. Spend time with Jesus this week.

Read one passage from the Bible each day. Start with a short book like John, James, or 1 Thessalonians, and ask God to show you something about Himself as you read.

2. Invite someone into the light.

Think of one person who needs hope and courageously invite them to church, youth group, or a conversation about Jesus. You never know how their story could change.

3. Share your story.

Like the shepherds, tell someone about how you've experienced God's light in your life — big or small. Your story could be what leads someone else out of darkness.

Summary: Jesus is the light that broke through the darkness — and now He shines through you. Spend time in His Word, share His light, and help others see the hope that changed your life.