



Week 3: The Light Within Us

Big Idea: We must carry the light with us.

Scripture: *Matthew 5:14–16; Isaiah 9:2; 1 John 1:5; John 8:12; John 1:5, 9*

Summary: Jesus not only came as the light of the world — He calls His followers to be that light too. This final week challenges students to live out their faith through visible actions that reflect the love and goodness of God. When we let our light shine, people see Jesus through us and are drawn to praise the Father.

WHAT?

Jesus tells His followers:

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:14–16, NLT)
Throughout Scripture, light represents God’s presence and truth.

- **Isaiah 9:2** foretold a great light coming to those in darkness.
- **1 John 1:5** declares that “God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”
- **John 8:12** records Jesus saying, “I am the light of the world.”

Now, in Matthew 5, Jesus passes that light on to His followers.

He doesn’t just shine for us — He shines *through* us.

We carry His light into our homes, schools, and communities.

Summary: Jesus is the true light of the world, and He calls us to reflect His light so others can see and glorify God.

SO WHAT?

If you’ve experienced the light of Jesus, you have a responsibility — and a privilege — to shine it. Our world is filled with darkness: loneliness, pride, greed, and fear. But light always wins.

Jesus’ followers are not meant to blend in; they are meant to *stand out*.

We shine through the way we live — our kindness, our honesty, our compassion, and our courage. When people see those qualities in us, they get a glimpse of the God we serve.

But this isn’t about attention or applause.

The goal isn’t to make people see *us* — it’s to help them see *Him*.

When our light shines through good deeds, it directs others toward the One who changed us.

Summary: We don’t just receive the light of Christ — we represent it. How we live shows the world what Jesus is like.

1. Memorize Matthew 5:16.

Let it shape your mindset each day: your actions can help others see God more clearly.

2. Be the light in someone's life this week.

Look for opportunities — a conversation, a moment to help, or a chance to encourage — and act on it immediately.

3. Pray for your school (or your world).

Ask God to make you aware of darkness around you and to give you courage to bring His light into those spaces.

Summary: When the light of Jesus meets the darkness, the darkness can never overcome it (John 1:5). Let's be people who carry that unstoppable light into every place we go - Not just through Christmas, but beyond.