



THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

Jesus is our light in the darkness.

BIBLE

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

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Last week we talked about how Isaiah predicted a great light that would one day shine on people walking in darkness. This week we saw that light *break through* when Jesus was born. Angels lit up the sky for shepherds, and God used a star to guide wise men from far away. The Christmas story reminds us that the light of Jesus is for everyone, everywhere — and encountering Him changes everything.

Let's Break the Ice // [Optional Discipleship Moment Follow Up]:

- Last week we talked about praying in a dark room and thanking Jesus for the light He brings. Did anyone do that? How did it go?
- What's the brightest light you've ever seen — a concert, fireworks, a phone flashlight in a dark room?
- Would you rather be a shepherd watching sheep at night or a wise man traveling across the world? Why?
- If you were one of the shepherds and the sky suddenly lit up, what would your reaction be?

Bible Study:

- Read Together: As a group, read Luke 2:10-11 NIV and Matthew 2:10-11 NIV
 - Telos Bible Page Numbers: Luke 2:10-11 (pg 999); Matthew 2:10-11 (pg 937)

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think God chose to tell the shepherds first that Jesus was born?
- What do you notice about the Wise Men's response when they finally found Jesus?
- How are the shepherds and Wise Men different? What does that show us about who Jesus came for?
- Isaiah 9:2 says people living in darkness have "seen a great light." Where do you see "darkness" in the world around you today?
- Read John 3:16 (logos pg. 1036) — What does this verse tell us about God's heart for the entire world?

Make it Real:

- If Jesus is the light of the world, what's one way His light has changed something in your life — or is changing it right now?
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Prayer

Share Requests:

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*

Group Prayer:

- Encourage students to thank Jesus for bringing His light into our darkness.
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(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:

Share the Light: Think of one person in your life who needs hope — maybe a friend at school, a teammate, or someone who seems lonely.

Your challenge is to do *one small thing* that shines Jesus' light to them this week:

- Sit with them
- Send an encouraging text
Invite them to youth group
- Ask how you can pray for them

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.