

DECEMBER 2020 | WEEK 1

Lights All A-glow

FAMILY ADVENT 

THIS WEEK

Take a stroll around a neighbourhood to admire the Christmas lights.

To give your post-activity discussion greater impact, have Mom, Dad or someone very special to your family remain at home while the rest of the family heads out to admire the festive lights. Walk or drive to a neighbourhood with a great Christmas light display. The location should be far enough away that your children would have difficulty finding their way home on their own. At some point during your adventure, call home and chat to the person waiting at home about what you've seen so far. The stay-at-home helper will play an important role in this lesson by greeting each child with a big hug or a very warm welcome on their return home.



BIBLE READINGS

Luke 2:1-7

John 1:1-3, 14 & 10

John 14:1-7

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Questions to ask when you get home:

- Did you enjoy going out to see the Christmas lights?
- Sometimes we passed a house that didn't have any Christmas lights on. How did the brightly lit houses look compared to the unlit ones?
- After we had been out for a while, did you know where you were? Would you have been able to find your way home?

The Bible tells us that Jesus willingly left heaven to be born on earth as a baby. We don't know what heaven is like, but we do know it's a place full of joy; there is no sadness, no pain and no disappointment. On earth, Jesus was no longer free of those things. He got cold, tired and hungry just like we do. As an adult he was bullied and mistreated.

It's hard for us to imagine what leaving heaven must have felt like, but when we see a house with no lights on beside one that is lit up and sparkling beautifully, it can remind us that Jesus willingly left heaven and became a human being for our sake.

When Jesus left heaven, He also left the joy of being with God the Father. Remember when we called home to talk to *[insert name here]* about the Christmas lights? Even though we could call and talk to them on the phone, it wasn't quite the same as them being here in person. When He was on earth, Jesus could talk to God in prayer like we do, but I'm sure it wasn't the same as being present with Him in heaven!

Jesus was born to teach us about God and to open the way for us to go to heaven when we die. Because of Jesus, one day we will be in heaven where we belong. We'll be welcomed home to heaven by God to receive the biggest, warmest welcome ever!

Close in prayer, thanking Jesus for being willing to come to earth and be our Saviour.