

TUESDAY: THE LIGHT BRINGS PURPOSE

LESSON: In our last lesson, we recalled that, from the very beginning, light brought order. Today, we see that this same light became flesh and came with a purpose. From the moment of Jesus' birth, a light in the sky announced His arrival and guided the wise men to Him (Matthew 2:1-2), demonstrating that His coming was no coincidence, but rather part of a perfect plan. Jesus Himself declared: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Jesus grew up, and as He began His ministry, He declared that He had been sent with a mission: to draw us closer to the Father, to show us who God is, and to teach us how to live in a way that reflects His love. Let us read Luke 4:18-19. Throughout His life on earth, everything He did reflected that purpose: He taught with authority, loved people, served with humility, and revealed the Father's heart at every moment. He reached out to the needy, shared with others, disciplined followers, and taught them how to live in a way that glorified God. He did not live without direction; every step, every word, and every action was intentional. His light enabled many to truly come to know God. Through His example, He demonstrated that purpose is not merely something to be spoken of, but something to be lived out daily—in how we love and serve others. Ultimately, He fulfilled His greatest mission by granting us access to the Father; and before departing, He made it clear that this very same purpose continues through us. Let us read John 17:18. Today, the light of Jesus within us calls us to live with intention—reflecting His love in our decisions, in our service, and in the way we live each day. He not only showed us the purpose, but also provided the example and the tools to walk in it. Now, as followers of Jesus, we too are called to reflect that light. In Matthew 5:14-16, the Bible teaches us something very important. Read it together. This means that we must not hide the light we have received, but rather allow it to shine forth through the way we live our lives. When we love, serve, forgive, and walk in obedience, we are showing others who God is. Our lives become a reflection of Jesus—the true light—and through them, others can come to know the Father and give Him glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **Everyone:** What did Jesus do while He was on earth that demonstrates His purpose?
- **Everyone:** How can you show the light of Jesus to others at home, at work, or at school?
- **Everyone:** What gifts or talents does each family member possess that help us fulfill God's purpose here on earth?
- **Youth:** How can you shine in a way that points to God rather than to yourself?
- **Adults:** How can our daily actions lead others to glorify God?
- **Adults:** How can we, as a family, let our light shine so that others may come to know God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Choose a window in your home where you know plenty of light enters. Create a family stained-glass window together: draw a cross in the center, then use blue tape to extend lines outward and form sections. Continue adding more small sections. Mix watercolors with a little dish soap and paint each space with a different color. When you place it in the window, you will see how the light fills everything with color. This reminds us that the light of Jesus within us is reflected in many ways, and that each of us can reveal Christ through our lives, gifts, and talents.