

WEDNESDAY: THE LIGHT BRINGS FREEDOM

LESSON: In previous lessons, we saw that from the very beginning, light brought order; later, we came to understand that this light became flesh and arrived with a specific purpose. Today, we take one step further: that very same light came to bring freedom. From the start, we were created to live in God's presence; however, through deception, we voluntarily drifted away, believing lies that appeared to be good. Without realizing it, we ended up living in darkness—trapped, held captive, and powerless to escape on our own. Read John 3:19. The Bible reveals to us that, often, we prefer darkness over light. Yet, God did not abandon us in that condition. In His love, He forged a path of rescue—a path we could never have created for ourselves. Read John 3:16 and observe the extent to which that love reached. Jesus came, lived among us, and gave His life to pay the price for our freedom. It was not a superficial act. Let us read 1 Peter 1:18–19; observe that we were redeemed by His blood. And the story did not end at the cross. Jesus completely conquered that which held us captive. He holds the keys to death, according to Revelation 1:18. Let us read Colossians 1:13–14; there, we discover the authority Jesus possesses and what He accomplished on our behalf. He not only set us free but also drew us out of the darkness and ushered us into His light. Today, thanks to Jesus, we are no longer prisoners. We now have the choice to walk in that freedom every single day. If anything attempts to regain control over us, let us draw near to Him, for the price has already been paid. We are no longer slaves, neither to sin, nor to this world, nor to fear. Let us read Galatians 4:7 and Romans 8:15. He not only rescued us and transferred us into His kingdom of light, but His love went even further, making us His children. We now have not only a Lord and a Savior, but also a Father—the very best Father in the entire world. We are truly free, and we can live in that freedom—as children of God—every single day.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- **Everyone:** What did Jesus come to rescue us from, according to the story we heard?
- **Everyone:** How can you choose Jesus every day in what you do or decide?
- **Youth:** How can we daily surrender our lives to Jesus and walk in the freedom He has already paid for?
- **Youth:** What lies or things might make us feel trapped or far from God today?
- **Adults:** What does it mean to you to live in the freedom that Jesus has already won for you?
- **Adults:** What areas of our lives still reflect bondage or things attempting to take control?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: As a family, take some time to minister to one another through foot washing, following the example of Jesus (John 13:14–15). Prepare a basin of water and a towel. One by one, wash each person's feet while praying for them. We wash the dust from walking in this world. Declare over each person: "In the name of Jesus, you are free. We cleanse you of every burden, sin, fear, and lie, and we remind you that you are free in Him." If anyone is struggling with something specific, pause and pray for that person, declaring freedom over their life—freedom from sin, fear, a lack of identity, sickness, or any burden or chain. Remember that Jesus has already paid the price. "Now we walk in the freedom of Jesus as children of the light."