

ALLEY Rundown August 31- September 1, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Lights Up (You Are the Light of the World) • *Matthew 5:14-16*

Today's Key Question: How can you be a light?

Today's Bottom Line: You can shine God's light.

Monthly Memory Verse: *"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

CAMPUS LG SUPPLY: White board and marker for each small group

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups.

SLIDE: Theme

What's up, everybody? I'm excited to see you today. To kick things off, let's test our knowledge with some trivia. I'm sure this room is full of bright individuals who know all kinds of random facts about life. But what do you know about LIGHT? Let's have everyone circle up with their Small Groups. Let's test your proficiency on all things bright and luminous.

Each Small Group should have a dry-erase board and marker.

On the screen, I'll display a multiple-choice question. You'll quickly discuss the answers with your group and collectively decide on an answer. Write down an answer on your dry-erase board. After a few moments, I will call on all groups to hold up their answers, and we will be able to see who answered correctly. Any questions? (Allow response) Great. Let's get started!

Communicator facilitates the light trivia game. Read each question off the screen, including the possible answers. After each question, the communicator directs each Small Group to hold up their answers. At the end of the game, host redirects everyone's attention back to the stage.

SLIDE: Light Trivia Question 1

For our first question, what is the speed of light? Is it . . .

- A. 1,860 miles/second
- B. 18,600 miles/second
- C. 186,000 miles/second**
- D. 1,860,000 miles/second

Take a few moments to come up with an answer with your Small Group.

*Communicator allows a moment. Communicator directs groups to hold up their answers.
Communicator has fun with their answers when appropriate.*

The answer is 186,000 miles/second. Which leads us to our second question.

SLIDE: Light Trivia Question 2

If traveling at the speed of light, how many laps around the earth could be completed in one second?

- A. Not a full lap, but would cross the US
- B. 2.5 Laps
- C. 4.5 Laps
- D. 7.5 Laps**

A great question to talk with your Small Group about!

Communicator allows a moment. Communicator directs groups to hold up their answers.

If you can imagine, one could make over seven laps around Earth if traveling the speed of light. I cannot even imagine that kind of speed. What about this question?

SLIDE: Light Trivia Question 3

What is our main source of light on Earth?

- A. The Moon
- B. Fluorescent Lights
- C. The Sun**
- D. Fireplaces

Ponder that thought with your groups.

Communicator allows a moment. Communicator directs groups to hold up their answers.

That's right! The sun! Although I could see where some might think ceiling lights are the correct response. What about this next one?

SLIDE: Light Trivia Question 4

When a light is shining and something blocks the light, what forms?

- A. A Shadow**
- B. Air
- C. A Rainbow
- D. Water

Communicator allows a moment. Communicator directs groups to hold up their answers.

A shadow is the correct answer! And for our final question, I saved a tricky question.

SLIDE: Light Trivia Question 5

Light is a form of what?

- A. Wave
- B. Energy**
- C. Heat
- D. Electricity

Communicator allows a moment. Communicator directs groups to hold up their answers.

Light is a form of energy! I didn't know this answer, and it makes me think I should have paid more attention in science class. Great job to all our Small Groups. This confirms what I already knew—this is a really smart group of kids.

It should go without saying, but light is really important. Have you ever imagined what would happen if we didn't have light? What would happen if the sun suddenly stopped bringing all the warmth or shininess? How would plants react? How would the temperature change?

According to scientists, the world without light would be devastating. All the water and land would be frozen solid! Of course, this would mean all plants and animals would be unable to survive! Without light, there would be severe consequences. It would be a hopeless situation.

Likewise, this would be a hopeless place without Jesus. We will all face times when reflections of Jesus are hard to find. As a result, we can feel like we're wandering around in the dark! But this makes me wonder. What if Jesus has called US to brighten up dark places? In other words, what if we're supposed to be a light? And if we are supposed to be a light, what would that even look like? Where are the dark places that need to be brightened?"

All of these questions are incredibly important to answer. Discovering the answers could change the way you interact with people and places for the rest of your life! Thankfully, early followers of Jesus captured some of Jesus' own thoughts on this very topic! Let's check it out in the Bible!

VIDEO: The So and So Show (15:23)

When you read about the life of Jesus in the Bible, you see that He gave us an incredible example to follow. Not only did He tell us how to shine our light, but Jesus also showed us how to love others well. When we trust Jesus and follow His example, it changes how we treat others!

Every day you will have opportunities to shine your light and reflect Jesus! For some, this will be difficult. But don't forget we can ask God to help us see the needs of others and think of ways to help. This leads me to a question I want all of you to consider before heading to Small Groups.

SLIDE: Key Question

How can you be a light?

Who are the people who need to see the light of Jesus? Is someone in your class always left out? Maybe someone could use your help with their homework? Opportunities to do so are abundant. Just don't put your light under a bowl. Let's pray and ask God to help us shine the light of Jesus!

SLIDE: Theme Background

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

OFFERING:

SLIDES: Hope Mobility 1-3

We are raising money for an organization called Hope Mobility. It was founded by Michael Panther who grew up as a child with a disability in Sudan. Hope Mobility collects and distributes wheelchairs in Africa while teaching families and communities to care for and to include people with disabilities. Our focus will be raising money for wheelchairs for kids. Each pediatric wheelchair costs \$275 and we will see how many wheelchairs we can purchase to help kids in Africa!

SLIDE: Theme