Collective worship



Bible Link: Matthew 5:14-16
Christian Value: Love
Theme: Shine your light



Pupil talk

- Make a list of words to describe light and dark. Include how each makes you feel.
- Have you ever thought something wasn't fair or you weren't included in something? How did you feel?
- Has anyone ever helped you when you were struggling and brought light back into your life?

Pupil involvement

You will need a candle or torch.

Draw the curtains/blinds and turn out the lights to darken the room. Light the candle and ask the children to sit silently for a few minutes watching the flame flicker whilst thinking about how they feel.

Blow out the candle, turn the lights back on, and share thoughts. Did the candlelight make you feel peaceful, content, happy?

Ask whether anyone has ever found themselves in a place where there was no light. How did it feel? Objects or things that give out light, such as a streetlight, fire, torch, lamp, stars, can remove the darkness.

Explain that if someone is excluded or feels that something isn't fair, they can find themselves in darkness. Discuss how you might help shine a light on someone who feels this way, e.g., use your voice to support them, listen, show them kindness and love, share a smile.

Think

Stef Reid MBE, a former Paralympian medal-winner who represented Canada and Great Britain, is asking Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees. The request comes after noticing the company using mannequins with running blades to promote its products in shops. Stef has said that by refusing to sell single shoes, Nike is not living up to its values of diversity and inclusion. In a video viewed over 3 million times, Reid said she was thrilled to be shown photos of mannequins in Nike stores with running blades wearing a single shoe. There may be times when we feel excluded or that something isn't fair. This can make us sad and lonely, and it can feel very dark. Jesus teaches us to help. We can be lights and our lights should shine on others.

Invitation prayer

Dear God.

Thank you for the people who shine their light on us, Help us shine our light on others' lives, Help me trust that in times of darkness, love, hope, and faith can create light,

Amen

Key stage 1 class discussion

- Do you know anyone who might be going through a difficult time at the moment?
- Is there anything you are finding difficult?
- What can you do to shine your light on someone this week?

Key stage 2 class discussion

- Dark can be used to describe an emotional state.
 Have you ever heard the metaphors 'in a dark place' or 'under a dark cloud'? What might cause someone to feel this way?
- If we find ourselves in darkness, it is important to look for the light or find ways to create the light. How might we do this?

Worship song

Shine Jesus shine











Incarnation





