



Advent Story Time

Family Reflection: The Lights in the Church

How did the little boy and girl feel at the beginning of the story?

What did they find to make them feel better and forget they were lost?

What did the windows teach them or remind them of?

Which windows were your favorites? Take some time to read the stories of your favorite window.

- Water into Wine - [John 2:1-11](#)
- Jesus Feeds the 5000 - [Mark 6:30-44](#)
- Jesus Walks on Water - [Matthew 14:22-33](#)
- Jesus Heals the Lepers - [Luke 17:11-19](#)

What did you learn from this story that can help you today?

Finding Jesus in your Christmas Traditions - Christmas Lights

This Christmas you will see lights to start appearing everywhere up and down the streets. Look for them to get brighter as Christmas day draws near. Many of our memorable and lasting Christmas traditions include different kinds of lights—lights on trees, luminaries, lights in and on our homes, and candles on our tables and in our windows.

Decorating our homes with Christmas lights is symbolic of what we as Christians need to do year-round. In Matthew 5:14, 16 Jesus calls on us to be the light of the world ... glowing for God in heaven. No matter if you appreciate others outdoor lights or string your own never forget that you are called by Jesus to let His light shine not only at Christmas but every day.

Place a light in your window (candle, Christmas Light, or even a lamp) to remind you to shine Christ's light to your neighbors.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14 NIV

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 NIV
