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SERIES: TRUE CHRISTMAS

Lights At Christmas

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Props: : Decorate your large group space with Christmas decorations. Add some large paper ornaments to the walls with the words: Joy, Peace, Hope, and Light written on each one.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.) The

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're finishing our Christmas series today which has been all about learning the meaning behind words we see at Christmas time. Who remembers the word we learned our first week? It begins with the letter "J". (allow kids to answer). Right, we learned about joy. Joy is being happy with what we already have. We also learned about a word that means you can get along with others. What is the word we learned? (allow kids to answer) Correct! We learned about peace and that Jesus is a peacemaker and we should be, too. Last week we learned about hope. What does hope mean? Good job! Hope means we believe something good will happen in the future. Today, we're going to finish by talking about lights.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing our Christmas Eve song one last time.

Song

Angels We Have Heard On High

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Jesus is the true light at Christmas. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What light did God hang in the sky for the wisemen? (star)
- What were the first Christmas tree lights? (candles)
- True or False: Jesus is the light of the world (T)

When we think about lights at Christmas, we think about the colored lights on the Christmas tree or on the wreath over the fireplace, and all the lights in the yards in the neighborhood. Those are all great forms of light but there is an even more important light that we all need to know and understand. See, Jesus came into the world to save us from darkness.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"I have come as a light (trickle down fingers) to shine in this dark world (hands over eyes), so that all(arms open wide) who put their faith in me (point up) will no longer remain in the dark (hands over eyes)." John 12:46 (*Repeat*)

This verse is telling us who the most important light is at Christmas. It's Jesus! Jesus called himself the light of the world. He came to give us hope by taking away our sins in order to fix our relationship with God. Jesus came to lead us out of darkness to live in his great light. And, his light leads us all the way to heaven!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Joy to the world

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Jesus is the true light at Christmas. (*Repeat*)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.