

# Bring It Home

*(Devotional for the Family)*

**Lesson Theme: “I AM the Light of the World”**

**Scripture: John 8:12-24**

**Memory Verse:** John 8:12b *“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*

**Teachers/Parents:** We launched into our study talking about ways that we use candles to commemorate things. Discuss traditions where you use light and candles to celebrate. The Jewish people were in the middle of one of their annual feasts with huge candelabras lit when Jesus made His statement that He is the light of the world. Discuss what it must have been like to watch Jesus interrupt the celebration with this astonishing claim.

## Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read **Psalm 78:12-16**. While at this feast where God’s people commemorated His mighty works He did for them, Jesus referred to Himself as the source of living water (**John 7:37-38**) and as the Light of the world (**John 8:12**). How do you see those two claims of Jesus foreshadowed in these verses?
- 2) In **John 8:12**, Jesus invites everyone to come and follow Him out of the darkness and into the Light. Read **Psalm 119:105**. How does this verse relate to Jesus’s invitation to follow Him?
- 3) When we are in a dark room for a long time our eyes adjust to it. But then what do we experience when the lights are suddenly turned on? How does this illustrate why we need to continually walk with Jesus by faith in the Light?
- 4) In **John 8:18**, Jesus responds to the Pharisees claim that He can’t be trusted because He has no other witness. Why is this a silly objection? Read **Matthew 3:17** for one reason why.
- 5) In **John 8:19**, Jesus makes it clear that these religious leaders did not know God. They knew the law of God, but not the God of the law. In the same way, we want to know the God of the Bible and not just the Bible of God. What is the difference? Discuss practical ways in which you can pursue real relationship with God and not just dead religion.
- 6) Read **John 8:24**. This verse stresses that saving faith requires believing in the right Jesus. We cannot make up our own Jesus, but must believe He is Who He says He is. Can you think of anyone that believes in the wrong Jesus (i.e. Mormons, Muslims, etc.)? Pray for them now as a family.