

Introduction to the Godly Play Classroom & the story “I Am the Light”

When entering a Godly Play classroom there is no need to hurry.
We sit in a circle.



Children enter a place where they may speak to God,



hear God speak and hear the stories of God.

In the classroom we walk more slowly and talk quietly.

We greet one another. The storyteller says, “The Lord be with you.”
The children respond, “And also with you.”

There are different ways of talking to God. One is praying. Another is singing.

We listen to God by becoming very quiet. Sometimes we sing, “Be Still and Know that I am God”.

We listen to one of God’s stories. This week we are hearing

“The Light”. (John 8:12)

There was once someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they did not know who he was. So one day they simply asked him. And he said, “I am ... the Light.

(*The Christ candle is lit.*)

Let’s enjoy the light.

People who love the light can become one with the light. This is how your light became one with the light.

(*Each child’s candle is lit and place in a circle forming a circle of candles.*)

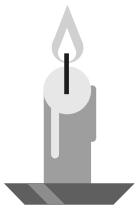
[Child’s name], this is your light.

Look how the light is growing. It all came from the light here.

(*Point to the Light.*)

Look the light is in so many places at once.

(*after lighting more candles*)



Many have come to the Light to receive their light. But the light is not smaller. It is still the same...I wonder how so much light could be given away and the Light still be the same?

(When all the children have a candle lit for them, the storyteller lights one for him or herself and says:

There was even a day when I received my light and became one with the Light. . .

Let's enjoy the Light.

There comes a time when the Light is changed so it is not just in one place anymore. It can be many places at once. Watch. You see the light is in just one place now.

I am going to change the light so it is not just in one place anymore. It can be in many places all at once. Watch.

(A candle snuffer is slowly lowered over the storyteller's light, holding it over the wick a moment and then slowly raising it. The children watch as the smoke curls up in to the air and fades into the whole room.)

Now I will change each of your lights so they can be in more than one place.

(Each child's light is changed. When all of the children's lights are changed the storyteller says:)

Even the Light was changed. The Light that was in just one place at one time is in all places at all times. So the light can be everywhere in this room and even in other places.

The children were invited to do work that is related to the story.

Parents: Children love mystery. The story of "The Light" shares the mystery of God' presence. Some children may want to light a candle as you share the story.

