

We Celebrate the Epiphany

Directions for Parents and Catechists

This prayer service that focuses on Jesus as the light of our lives will help six to eight-year-olds continue in the true spirit of Christmas. Use a flashlight to represent the torch. Reproduce page 2 of this prayer service for each child to color and cut out before the prayer service.

GATHER

LEADER: Let us imagine we are gathering near the stable as we pray to Jesus, the Light of the World.

SING: (to the tune of “Jingle Bells”)

Guiding star, guiding star,
Guide us through the night.
We rejoice for who we are.
Jesus is our Light.

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

READER: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” (Isaiah 9:1)

PRAY

GROUP 1: We are like the three wise men who followed the star to find you.

ALL: Jesus, you are our Light. (*Hold your star above your head.*)

GROUP 2: We are like the three wise men who praise and honor you as our Savior.

ALL: Jesus, you are our Light.

SING: (to the tune of “Jingle Bells”)

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LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

READER: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.” (Matthew 5:14, 15)

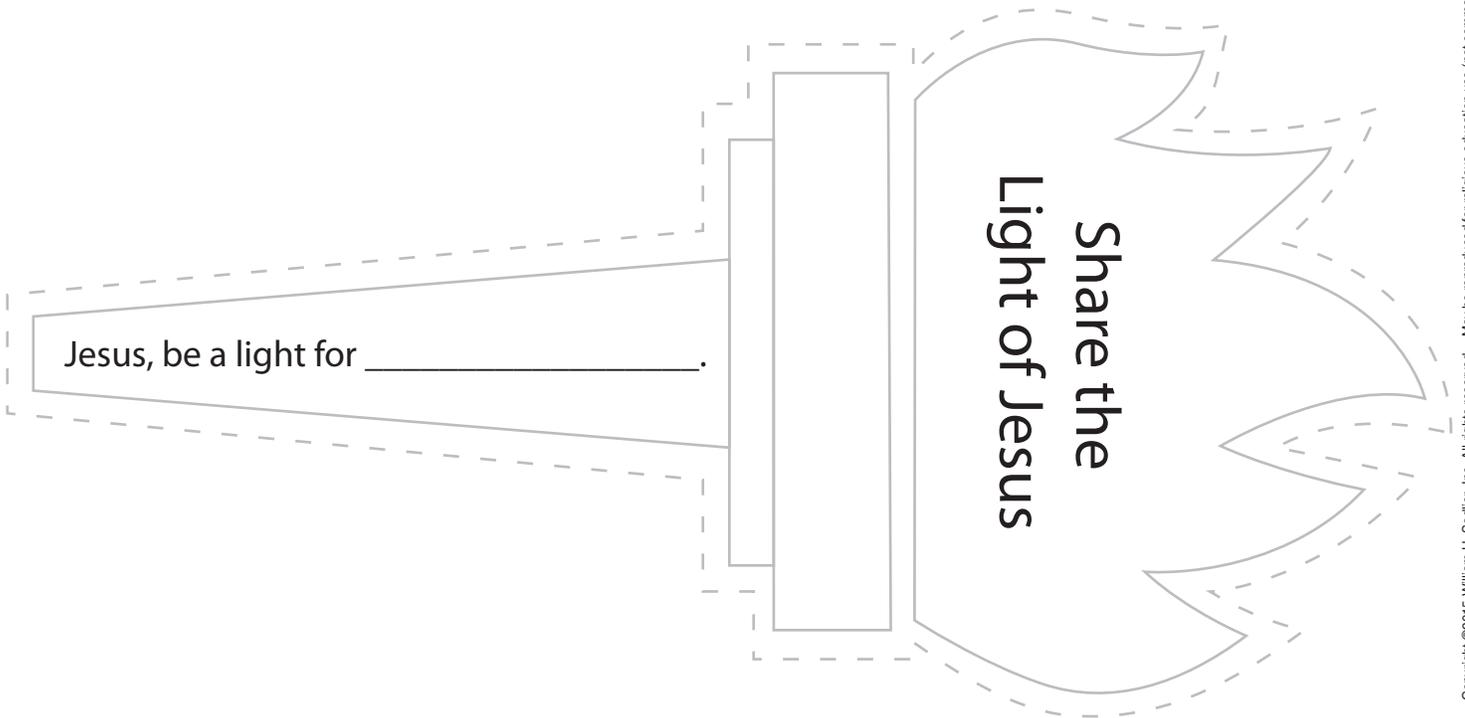
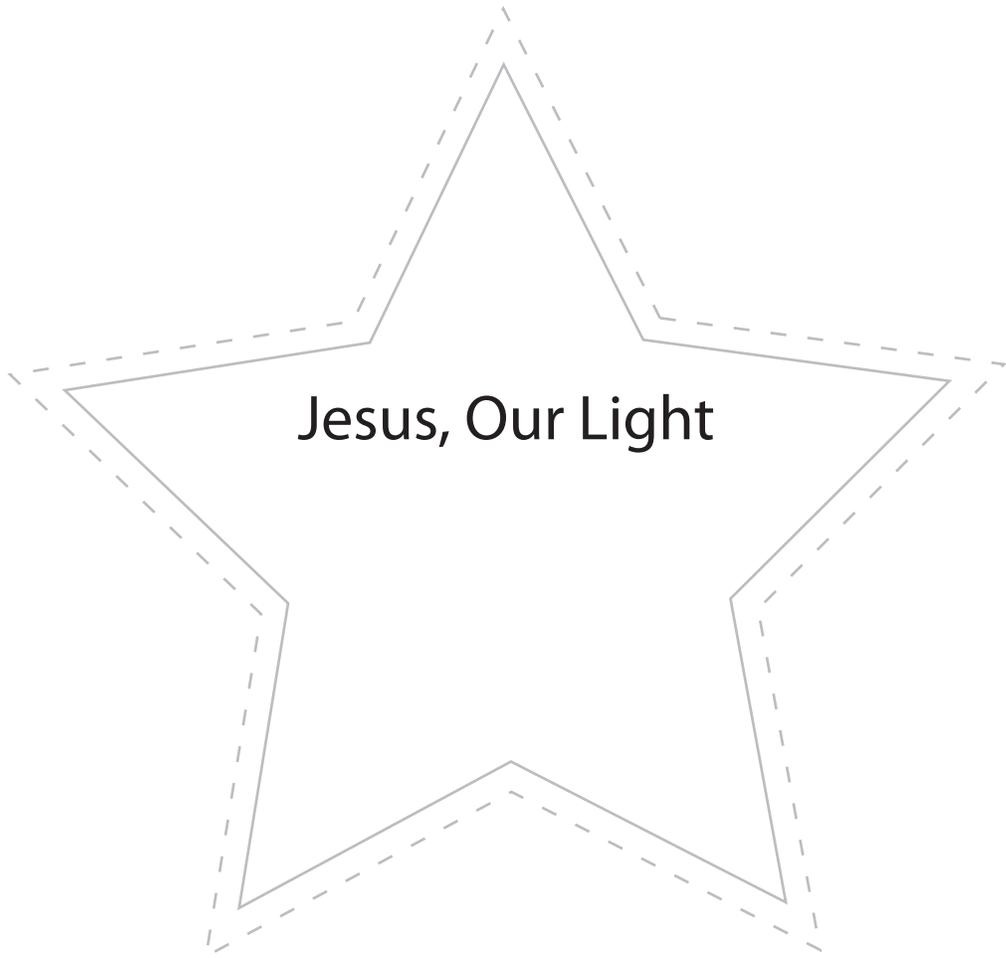
LEADER: Let us stand in a circle. As you sing each line of the song, pass your torch to the person on your right.

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MY PRAYER GOES ON

LEADER: Read the name on the torch you are holding. Keep the torch in a special place to remind you to pray for this person during the coming week.



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