



Advent

ACTIVITIES FOR
WHĀNAU AND TAMARIKI

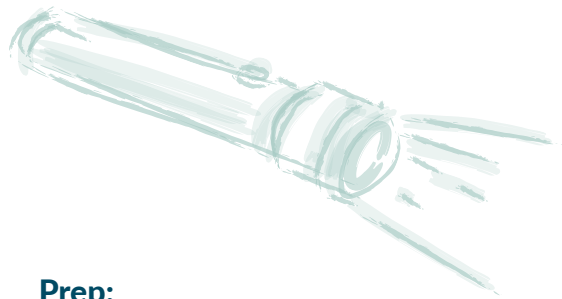


LIGHT – JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

WEEK FIVE

Isaiah 9:2-3

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest.



Prep:

- You will need a sheet of plain A4 style paper
- A shape cut from dark paper or cardboard (a left-over cereal box for instance)
- A torch – the one on a phone works well

Activity:

Hold up the piece of paper and ask your child what they see behind it. (Nothing because the paper isn't transparent.) Now holding up the shape behind the paper, shine the torch from behind the paper and watch how the paper becomes transparent (ish) and the shape appears. Have fun trying to do this with other household items and look at the shapes that can be made.

Reflection:

Isn't it funny how the light changed the way we saw the paper and the shapes that were hidden behind it? When Jesus, who we call the true light, came into the world he showed us that some of the things we thought and did needed to be looked at in a different way. Jesus also showed us God's love in a new way, a way that was much bigger and more including than we might have imagined it before we met Jesus. Just like the torch light, Jesus shows us things we couldn't see. Especially, Jesus shows us that we are never alone, God is always there even when we cannot see God. Jesus shows us God's love in new and exciting ways.

Prayer:

Jesus, would you shine your love into my heart and help me to see your love in new ways.