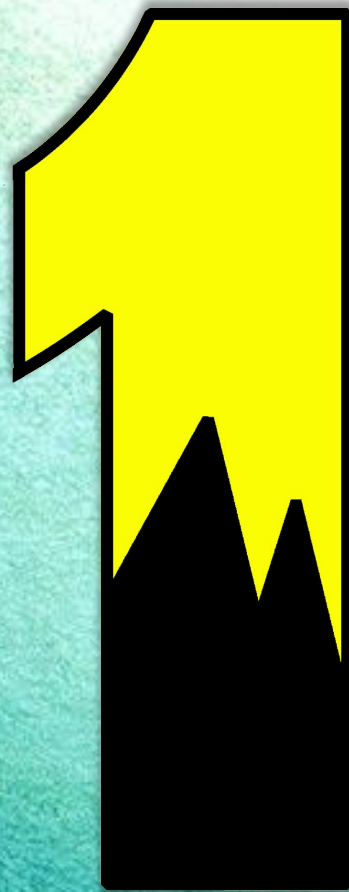




Day 1
God Created Light

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning
God created
the sky and the earth.





God saw that the light was good. So he divided the light from the darkness. God named the light “day” and the darkness “night.”

Evening passed, and morning came. This was the first day.

A glowing lightbulb is visible through a circular opening in a piece of crumpled paper. The lightbulb is illuminated, casting a warm, yellow glow. The paper lantern's exterior is covered in a thick, fuzzy material, possibly wool or felt, which is also illuminated by the light from the bulb. The background is a textured, light-colored surface.

God is light.

**In him there is
no darkness at all.**

1 John 1:5b

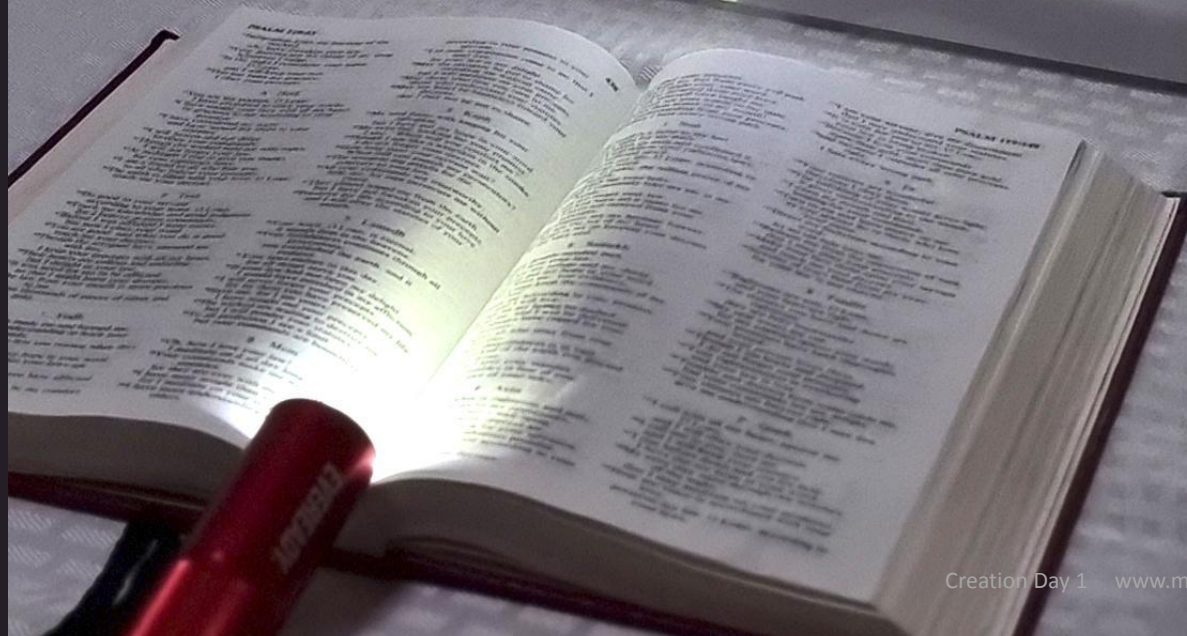


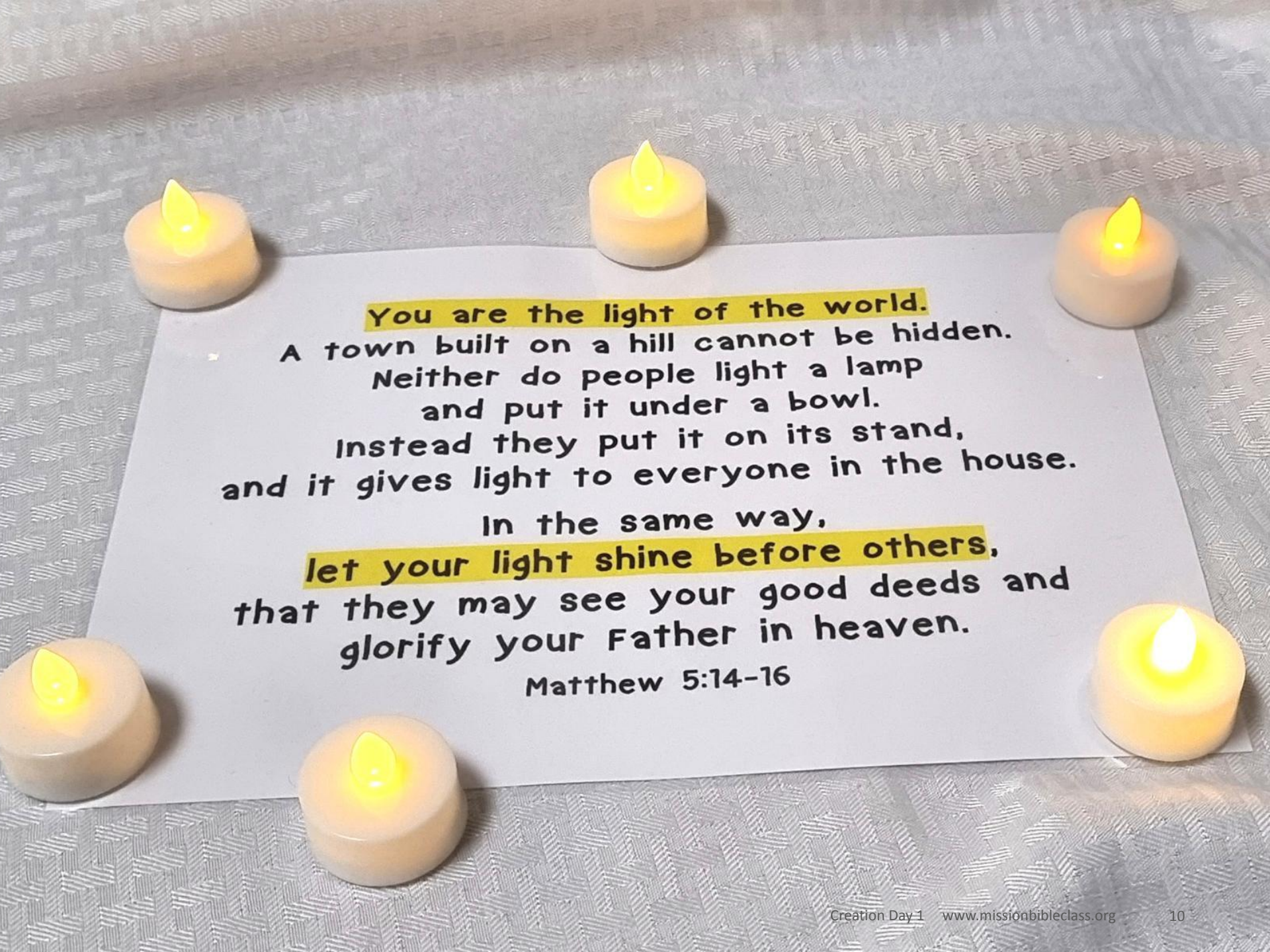
When Jesus spoke again
to the people, he said,
"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Your word is a lamp
for my feet,
a light on my path.

Psalm 119:105

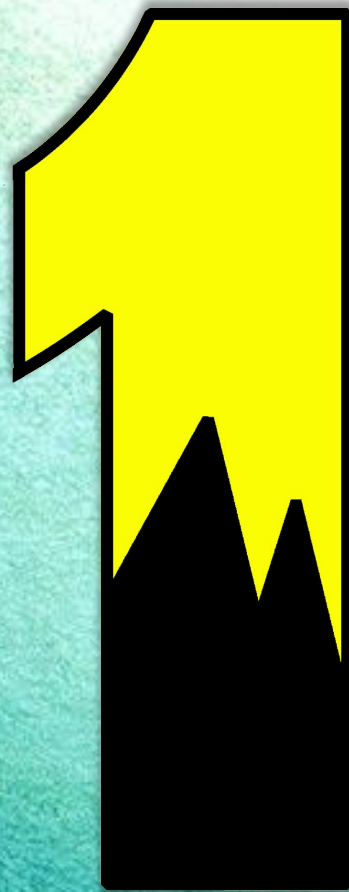




You are the light of the world.
A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp
and put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand,
and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way,
let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and
glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



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1. Cover: Day 1, God Created Light (Genesis 1:1-5)

2. “In the beginning God created the sky and the earth.”
(Open your bible to the beginning of Genesis and show that the words of this verse, Genesis 1:1 are the very first ones in the bible.)

3. You may think of number one as the beginning. But God existed even before the first day of our world.

4. Let’s imagine what it would be like if we were deep inside a cave under the ground. Sunshine could not get into the cave. Imagine that we did not have a torch (flashlight) or mobile phone or watch to shine light. Imagine there was no electricity in the cave. Nothing that could add light to the darkness.

If there is no light, then we see nothing. We could hold our hand in front of our face but not even see our hand. That is what it would be like if there was no light.

Before God created our world there was no light. Actually, there was nothing. There was nothing to see because absolutely nothing was there. Before God created our world, nothing existed except for God.

The bible says: “The earth was empty and had no form”.
Genesis 1:2a (ICB)

5. And then...something amazing happened. Something that only God has the power to do. God took nothing and began creating our world.

God said, “Let there be light!” And there was light.
Genesis 1:3 (ICB)

Isn’t it amazing? Then with only spoken words He created light. Can you make light just by saying, “Let there be light”? Of course not! But God can.

6. “God saw that the light was good. So he divided the light from the darkness. God named the light “day” and the darkness “night.” Evening passed, and morning came. This was the first day.” Genesis 1:4-5 (ICB)
God made light before anything else. Light is very important.

7. Understanding light helps us understand God.

We can read these words about God in the Bible, “Here is the message we have heard from God and now tell to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

So if we say that we have fellowship with God, but we continue living in darkness, then we are liars. We do not follow the truth.

God is in the light. We should live in the light, too. If we live in the light, we share fellowship with each other.

And when we live in the light, the blood of the death of Jesus, God’s Son, is making us clean from every sin.” 1 John 1:5-7 (ICB)

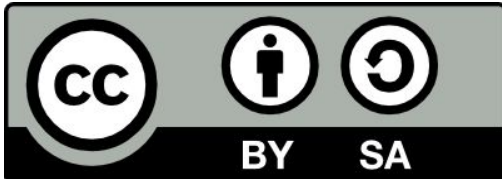
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8. Light is also important because it helps us understand Jesus. Jesus said this, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness. He will have the light that gives life." John 8:12b (ICB)

9. Did you know that God's Word is like a light? It is like a light that helps us know the best way to go. "Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way." Psalm 119:105 (ICB)

10. And there is one other important thing that we should understand about light. We are lights! "You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put the light on a lampstand. Then the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 (ICB)

11. We do not like to be in the dark. God knew that light would be a very important part of our world. In fact, we can be thankful for light every single day of our lives.



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