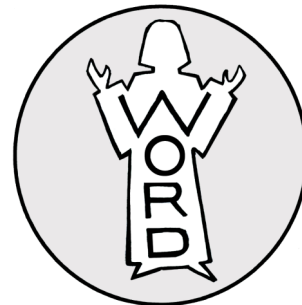


Lesson #4-16***God Dwells Among Us***

John 1:1-18

**Key Verse:**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.
John 1:14

The Point:

In the Word, God becomes human and lives among us, bringing life.

Unit Theme (December 3 - December 25):

God's Presence Brings Life

The Light Comes to the World

Jesus' birth brings light in the darkness.

You will need:

- † Bible
- † Battery-operated candles

Instructions:

1. Pass out a battery-operated candle to each student.
2. **As we hear our story today, we start at the very beginning of time. What was in the beginning before God created the world? [Nothing, darkness.] As I read through the story, every time that you hear the word Light or Word, I am going to point to a few of you to turn on your candles. If**

necessary, show students how to turn on their candles. **By the time we are finished reading the story, all of our candles will be lit, just like Jesus is the Light coming to our world.**

3. Dim or darken the room, depending on students' comfort level. Read through the story from a child-friendly Bible.
4. **Try to use the darkness to put out the light. It is impossible! No matter how dark it is, the light always makes it brighter—the dark can never stay dark. Jesus is the light that brings all good things into our world. Jesus' birth is light coming to the world.**



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