

Worship Date January 3, 2010
Worship Theme Praising the Giver of Gifts
Scripture Reference John 1:1-14

Materials: Flashlight – maybe give each child a small one at the end of the story as a reminder.

(Darken room if possible before telling story. If you can't darken the room, ask the kids to cover their eyes and then ask if it's easy to see things in the dark.)

(Ask the kids if they are scared of the dark. Listen for responses. Pull out flashlight and turn it on. If the kids have to close their eyes, ask them to keep them shut for a moment and then shine the light on their faces and ask what they see now.)

In the beginning was the Flashlight! (Turn it on) and the flashlight was with man. (Shine the light around the room and ask the kids what they see. As they describe things in the church ask them what those things mean to them.) How do these things help them worship God? Are these things they have at home or at school? (Turn the flashlight off and then ask the kids what they see. Ask them to close their eyes again if you can't darken room). Is it more difficult to see things now? What do we need to be able to see? Light, right? (They can open their eyes now.)

Talk about how God is the light of the earth and without him, we can't see what's around us. Without God's light, we would not see the hungry, poor, sick, lonely and oppressed people around us. When we see these people, what should we do? That's right, help them see the light of Christ so their world isn't dark anymore.

Dear God, help us to see what's around us. Help us to see the light of Christ. In Jesus name, Amen.