

St. Luke's Church School
Grades 7 and 8
April 27, 2008

Light for the World

Opening Devotion: Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Goal for today's lesson: To reflect on the symbolism of light and its meaning for being a Christian.

Activity 1: Read Matthew 5:14-16

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"You are the light of the world. A city 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 men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Discuss the following questions:

What impact does Matthew's message have on you as a Christian?

Does this mean you should be perfect, because you are a Christian?

How does a Christian deal with his or her imperfections?

How does Matthew use the term light to describe a Christian?

Activity 2: Read & Complete "Light for the World" Handout

Closing:

Read Bible quotes from "Light for the World Bible Passages."