

JULY DEVOTIONAL IDEAS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

“Light of the World”

Materials needed: Bibles, songbooks, the words and music to the song, “The Light of the World Is Jesus”, different kinds of lights (candle, oil lamp, electric lamp, flashlight, lantern)

Devotional Time

- Begin by showing and talking about the displayed lights. Ask if anyone studied by the light of an oil lamp, if anyone remembers getting electricity for the first time, if anyone was ever in a storm when the lights and electricity went out. (allow plenty of time for people to share)
- Song - “Let the Lower Lights be Burning”

Jesus Is the Light of the World

- In John 8:12, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world: he that follows after me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” Jesus, God’s Son, was born in a manger in Bethlehem. For 33 years, He lived on earth to bring light to the world.
- John 9:5: “As I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
- 1 John 1:15a: “God is light, and in Him is no darknes at all.”
- John 12:46: “I am come a light in the world, that whosoever beliveth on me should not abide in darkness.”
- In Luke 19:10, Jesus said, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.”
- Special music (solo or a group): “The Light of the World Is Jesus”

We Are the Light of the World

- In Matthew 5:14, Jesus said, “You are the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.”
- In Matthew 5:16, Jesus declared that we have a responsibility to let our love for Christ and the gospel be shown to the people around us. He admonished us to “Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
- Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:8, “ye were sometimes darkness, but now ye are light in the Lord: walk as children of light.”
- Song: “Brighten the Corner Where You Are”

Heaven’s Light

- In John 14:3, Jesus promised, “I go to prepare a place for you.”

- Revelation 22:5: "there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever."
- We who have accepted Christ's offer of salvation have the wonderful promise of one day experiencing the light of heaven.
- Song: "When We All Get to Heaven"
- Closing Prayer

A CRAFT IDEA - YELLOW SUN

Materials needed: dark blue paper sheets, bright yellow paper paper word strips with the words "You are the light of the world", glue, scissors, yellow crayons

Cut large round yellow circles to fit the blue paper. Glue the circle "sun" on the blue paper and glue a word strip under the yellow sun.

