

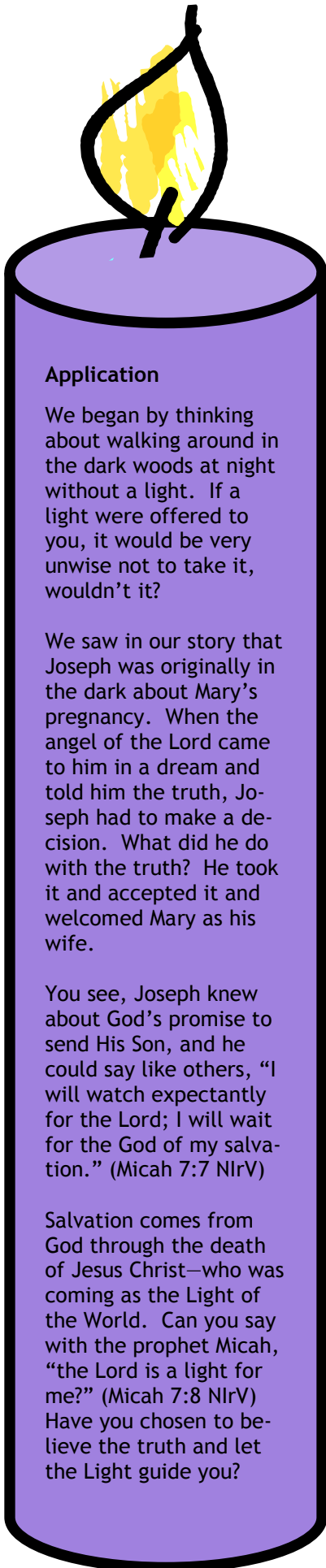
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# LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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## LESSON 3





### Application

We began by thinking about walking around in the dark woods at night without a light. If a light were offered to you, it would be very unwise not to take it, wouldn't it?

We saw in our story that Joseph was originally in the dark about Mary's pregnancy. When the angel of the Lord came to him in a dream and told him the truth, Joseph had to make a decision. What did he do with the truth? He took it and accepted it and welcomed Mary as his wife.

You see, Joseph knew about God's promise to send His Son, and he could say like others, "I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation." (Micah 7:7 NIV)

Salvation comes from God through the death of Jesus Christ—who was coming as the Light of the World. Can you say with the prophet Micah, "the Lord is a light for me?" (Micah 7:8 NIV) Have you chosen to believe the truth and let the Light guide you?

The angel continued, "You must give Him the name Jesus. That is because He will save His people from their sins." All of this was happening so that God could complete the promise He made to Isaiah hundreds of years before, "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a Son. And He will be called Immanuel." — (Isaiah 7:14) The name Immanuel means 'God with us.'" (Matthew 1:23 NIV)

Joseph had fallen asleep thinking Mary had been unfaithful to him before they ever married. He learned the truth from the angel of the Lord. When Joseph woke up from his dream, he obeyed God by doing what the angel commanded him to do. Joseph and Mary were married, but they did not sleep together until after Jesus was born.

### Review

1. Who was Mary going to marry? (Joseph)
2. What does the Bible tell us about Joseph? (He was a godly man.)
3. What did Joseph think about Mary's pregnancy? (He didn't want to put her to shame publicly, but he didn't want to marry her either.)
4. What happened next? (God sent an angel to Joseph in a dream to tell him the truth.)
5. How did Joseph respond? (He obeyed God and married Mary.)

**Next Week**  
The Light of the World  
Luke 2:1-7

**Advent Candles - Bethlehem and Jesus**

# Activities

**Memory Verse Activity** - Make Chinese Paper Lanterns. Print the verse around the bottom border before gluing.

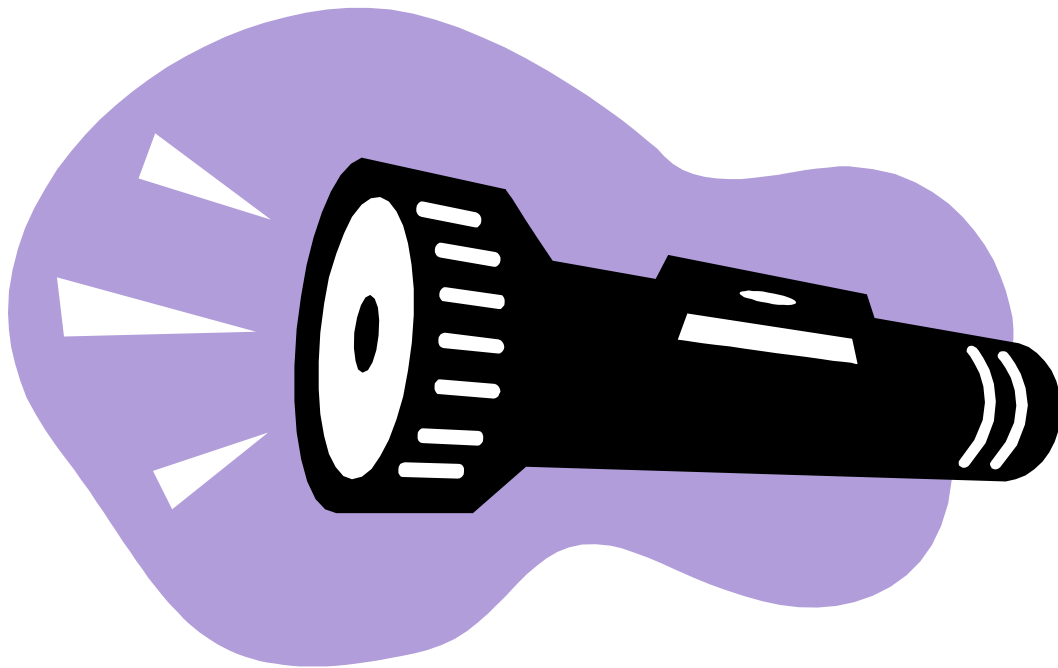
Sing “Joseph’s Song” (by Michael Card), “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,” “Emmanuel,” “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,” “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” and “In His Time.”

Make angel garland for the Christmas Tree. Use rolls of paper from an adding machine. Fold back and forth about six times. Cut out angels, being sure to leave the arms connected. Open up the garland and hang it on the tree.

Make edible candles. Stack a banana upright in the hole of a pineapple ring. Top with a cherry for the flame.

Decorate your Christmas Tree with ornaments that point to Jesus’ death on the cross. (For example: craft stick crosses, sheep to represent Jesus as the Lamb of God, nails, etc.)

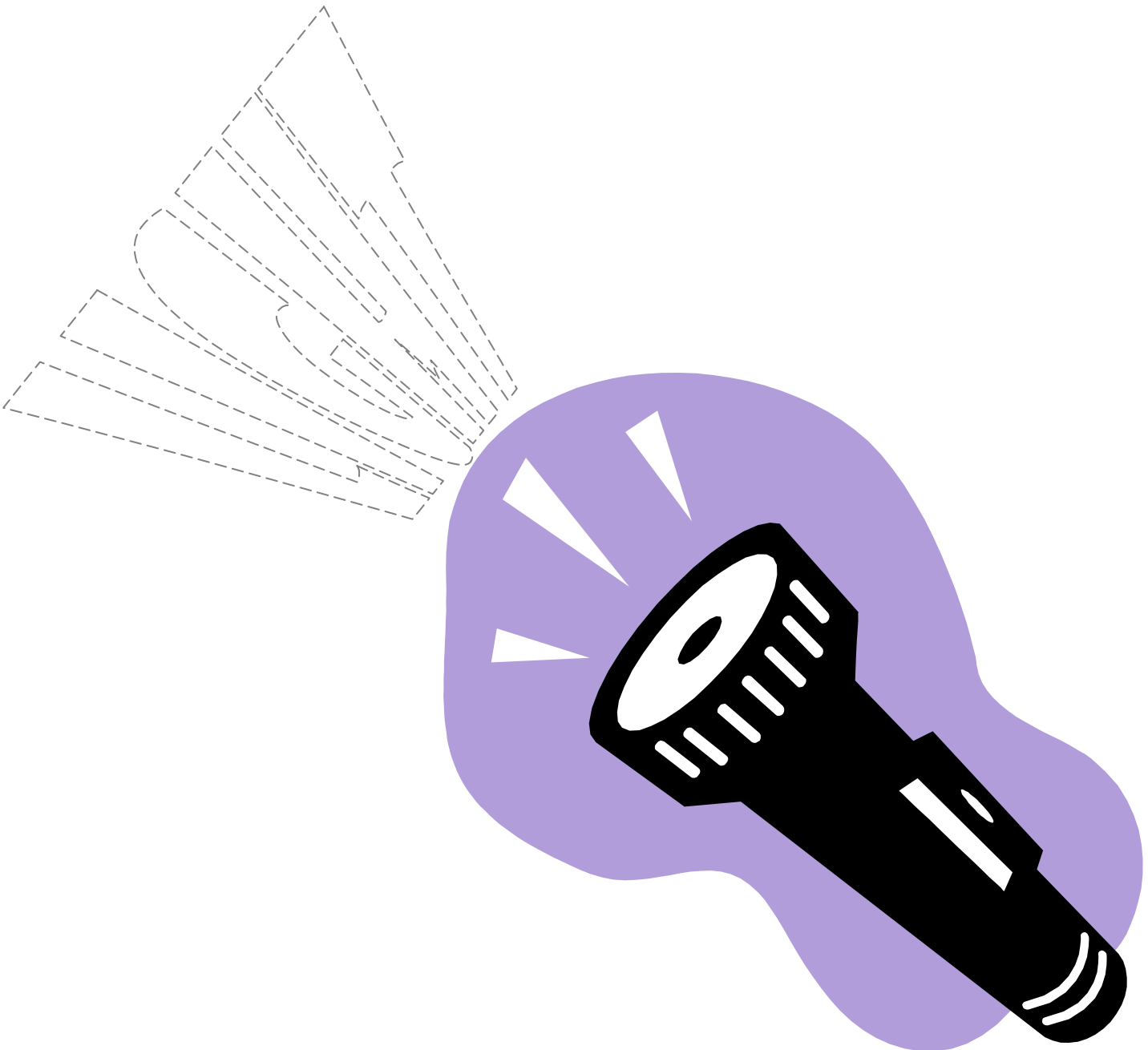
Read through Matthew 1 together. Talk about Joseph’s ancestors. Talk about stories from the Old Testament that you remember about some of them.



The Lord  
is a light for me.  
Micah 7:8

# Light Lessons

Micah 7:7-8 tell us that God is the source of salvation. He is also the source of what?  
Trace the letters below to find out.



# Word Search

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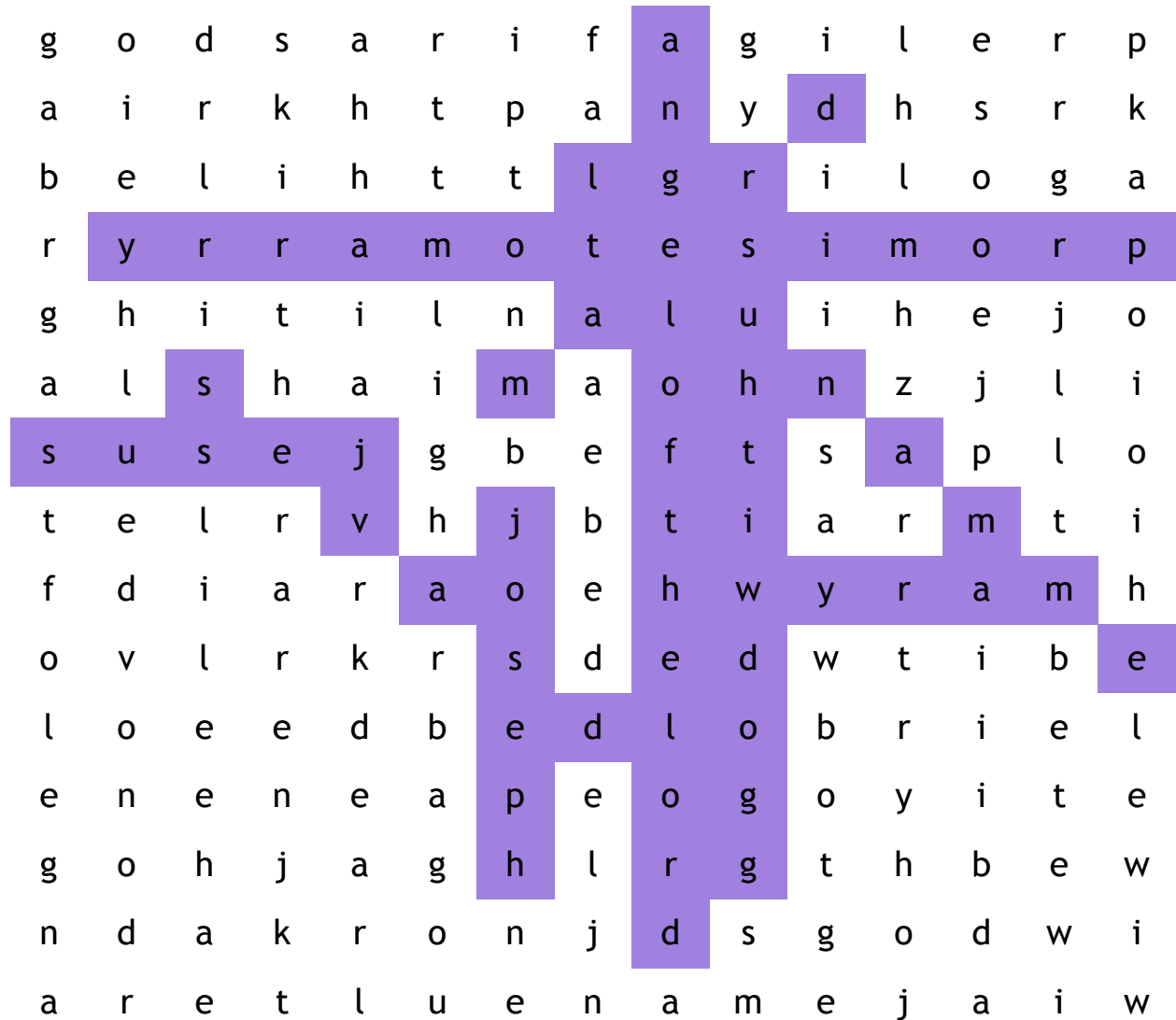
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