

Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.

DAY 1

Read John 8:12, NIV

Have you ever had a goldfish? Ever wonder what makes that goldfish seem to glow? Light! If you were to place your goldfish bowl in a dimly lit room, your once "golden" goldfish would become dull and drab!

Jesus is the light of the world! When we follow Jesus and live as He's called us to live, we'll shine His light to others. That means we need to stay close to Him by reading His word, talking to Him in prayer, and spending time learning about God with our small group. If we want to shine, we need to stick close to Jesus, the light of the world!

Schedule Change

Think of two changes you can make to your daily routine that will help you draw closer to God. Maybe you could get up a few minutes early and complete this devo before school. Or maybe you could start praying or listening to worship music on the way home from school.

DAY 2

Read Revelation 21:23, NIV

Can you imagine a world with no sun or moon in the sky? Just think about how your mood changes when you face one cloudy, dreary day after another. Today's verse tells us about a city that won't need the sun OR the moon!

The book of Revelation was written by John, one of Jesus' disciples. God gave John a vision or picture of heaven. One day, when we live with God forever, we won't need the sun because the glory and wonder of God will be all the light we need! And we won't need the moon either because there will be no night. God will shine so bright, and Jesus will be the lamp.

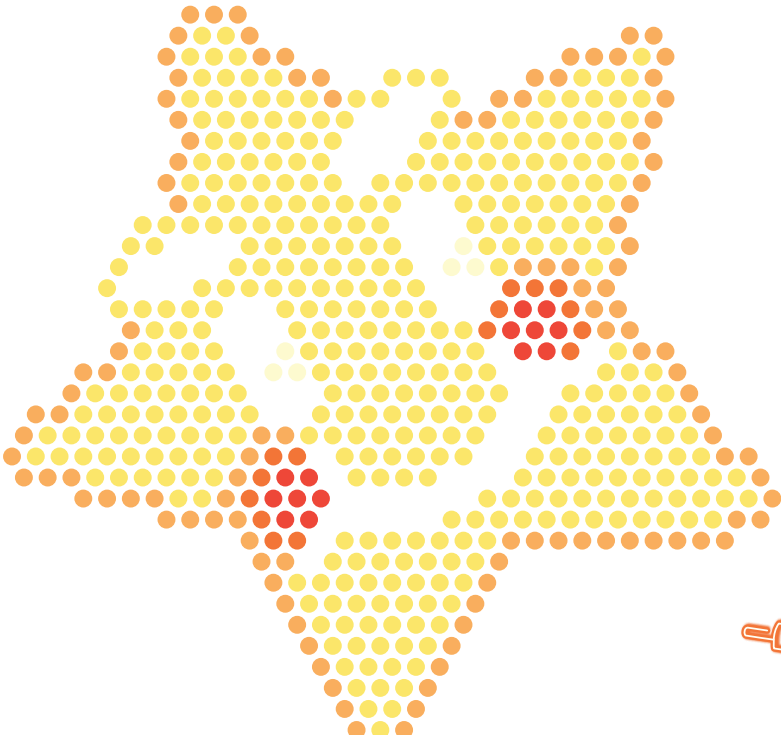
This week, each time you feel the sun on your face or gaze at the moon in the night sky, thank God for showing compassion toward you and ask for help to show compassion to others.

DAY 3

Read I John 4:10, NIV

God loved us enough to send Jesus to rescue us. Did you know you needed to be rescued? It's true. Sin, the wrong things we all do, gets in the way of our relationship with God. But because God LOVED us, Jesus came to be our Savior. Jesus took the punishment for our sins to rescue us and shine His light so that we can have a relationship with God forever.

Choosing to put your trust in Jesus is a really important decision. If you've already chosen to trust and follow Jesus, awesome. If you have questions, you can always talk to an adult you trust that follows God. Jesus is the light of the world, and He wants to be YOUR light, too.



DAY 4

Read Psalm 96:3, NIV

Globe Trotting

Grab a globe or map. Spin it around or trace your finger over the page with your eyes closed and then stop. Open your eyes and read the name of the country you've landed on.

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Jesus is the light who came to offer salvation to everyone. Jesus came for the people in the country you found on the globe. But He also came to shine His light and offer salvation to the people that you see each day.

Jesus loves...  
the kid you sit next to on the bus.  
the buddy you play with every day after school.  
the people in your own family.

One BIG way you can show compassion to others is to show them Jesus. You do this by being a good friend, by treating them the way you want to be treated, by inviting them to church, and when you have an opportunity, by telling them that Jesus is the light of the world.

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