

Family Theme | **Walking in the Light**     Date | **August 2, 2026**  
Study Text | **1 John 1:1-7**

**Read the Word:** 1 John 1:1-7

**Disciple Your Family:** Discuss how to walk in the light, avoid false teaching, and partner with others to strengthen the Church.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: Fellowship and Assurance Flow From Abiding in Jesus Christ**  
(1 John 1:1-7; 4:7-12)

**APPLY:** Hold to the truth that Jesus is fully human and fully God. He died and rose again so our sins can be forgiven.

- *How does John's emphasis on eyewitness testimony strengthen your confidence in the gospel?*
- *Why is it important that Christianity is rooted in real events, not just spiritual ideas?*

**APPLY:** Walk in the light and repent whenever you sin.

- *Why is confessing sin essential for enjoying true fellowship?*

**APPLY:** Show that God lives in you by choosing to love others.

- *How is godly love different from worldly love? How does Christ's cross redefine what love truly is?*



**Key Truth: Truth and Discernment Guard the Church From Deception**  
(2 John 4-11)

**APPLY:** Jesus is the truth, and Scripture reveals Him faithfully.

- *What happens in a believer's life when there is a gap between what they claim to believe and how they actually live?*

**APPLY:** Don't be deceived by false teaching. Compare what is taught with Scripture.

- *Where do you see cultural pressure to soften or reshape the identity of Christ?*
- *Why is the identity of Jesus the primary target of false teaching?*
- *What practical steps can you take to test books, podcasts, or influencers before embracing their teaching?*



## **Key Truth:** Faithful Witness and Gospel Partnership Strengthen the Church (3 John 5-12)

**APPLY:** Be a faithful witness and partner with those who work to spread the gospel.

- Why is the desire “to be first” so spiritually dangerous in ministry settings?
- What does it look like to “work together for the truth” in a local church today?
- How can someone who never leaves their hometown still have a global impact for the gospel?
- What does it mean to have a “good testimony” both inside and outside the church?

**Build a foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- Who is the Light and what does He not have?
- What does it mean to walk in the Light?
- Why is it important to abide or remain close to Jesus?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *John 11:25.*



### **Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

Reconciliation means returning to a right relationship with God.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Cut out hearts and rectangles from construction paper. Distribute them along with markers to family members. Have them write words of love and encouragement as well as the application verse on them. You might need to help younger family members. Place the hearts and rectangles around your home in areas that will be visible with a flashlight. Turn off the lights in your home and pair up family members. Give each pair a flashlight and let them walk around and read what is written on each one as they find it.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned before Jesus returned to Heaven, He told His disciples to share about Him and His love with those around them. Peter told others about Jesus, and many people began to follow Jesus. They loved and shared like Jesus did. We can follow Peter's example and tell others about Jesus and His love. **I Can Share With Others.**