

# **LIGHT IS POWERFUL**

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You can't touch it, it has no physical mass, and yet **light is powerful**. Think of how easily a laser beam can slice through metal.

In the same way, light is powerful enough to overcome the darkness – even just a tiny candle can light up a whole room.

**Light is so powerful, it gets rid of darkness.**

# LIGHT GIVES LIFE

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What's essential for life? Phone, friends, food? It's food, water, shelter... and **light**. Sunlight is the most important need for all living organisms, because it is the source of all energy. It also provides heat for plants and animals.

When God created the world, what was the first thing he made? Light. Why? Because **light gives life.**

# **LIGHT REVEALS THE TRUTH**

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Kids are often scared of the dark. When the lights go out, monsters suddenly start hiding under the bed and baddies lurk outside. The darkness can be terrifying.

But if mum or dad turns on the light? It is instantly all okay. The smallest amount of light in the bedroom reveals things to be what they truly were. Monsters were just shadows, baddies were just noises.

**The light banishes illusions and reveals the truth.**

# **LIGHT SHINES THE WAY**

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A torch makes it so much easier for us to find our way through the dark. In the same way, lighthouses are used to warn ships of hazardous coastlines, rocks and also to mark safe entries to harbours. Their beam of light warns of dangers that can't be seen, and are used to mark the way to safety. **Light shines the way.**