

# GLOW LESSON

**KEY VERSE:** “I am the light of the world. The person who follows Me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life.” John 8:12

## **SUPPLIES:**

### Welcome:

- glow hats for up front
- glow sunglasses for up front
- glow teeth for up front
- other glow items you can come up with
- black lights up front

### Offering:

- glow necklace up front for leader
- offering containers

### Icebreaker:

- small flashlight for each group

### Lesson:

- glow necklace up front
- easel
- large piece of black foam board for easel
- following shapes and words with Velcro to stick to black foam board
  - world shape
  - tree shape
  - sin (word)
  - Jesus (word)
  - cross shape
  - heart shape
  - believe (word)
  - forgiver (word)
  - leader (word)
  - friend (word)
  - gift shape
  - praying hands shape

- Starting Point bracelets

Glow Party Dance:

- glow necklace for each child

Glow Ball:

- glow-in-the-dark ball for each group
- bucket for each group
- masking tape or painter's tape for each group

Glow Go:

- signs for each color of glow stick in the room (cardstock)

Glow Rings:

- dowel rod for each group

Dismissal:

- Take home papers
- Starting Point sign-up sheets

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## **PRE-SERVICE (30 MIN)**

- music videos (1-4)
- spend time with the kids
- 5-minute countdown (5)

## **WELCOME (2 MIN)**

- transition slide with music (6)
- welcome kids to glow weekend
- get kids excited about being here, do cheers with them, etc.

## **WORSHIP (12 MIN)**

- Gather kids to the front
- Song 1 – Endless Praise (7) suggested song
- Offering with music (8)
  - Turn off all the lights
  - Hold up a glow necklace
  - Remind the kids that when we give our offering we are helping shine Jesus' light to other people. Our offering helps shine the light of the Gospel all over the world.
  - Give offering during next song
  - Prayer for offering
- Song – Real Love (9) suggested song
- transition slide with music (10)
- Kids return to seats

## **ICEBREAKER / IN THE SPOTLIGHT (10 MINUTES)**

Hey kids! Welcome to GLOW weekend! Are you ready to glow? I am. I have all of my different glow toys here with me. (Have a selection of different glow toys to show to the kids and talk about each one.) However, I've saved the best for last. We're going to tell you about the best glow light in the whole world today! Guess who that is? (let kids respond) That's right! Jesus!!!

We have a lot of guests and new friends here today, so let's play a fun game to get to know each other better.

**In the Spotlight with music (11)**

Ice Breaker Instructions:

- *Turn off the lights.*
- *Each group has a small flashlight.*
- *Group leader whispers to the first person the topic he or she will be acting out. (like charades)*
- *Group leader then shines the flashlight on the person (puts them in the spotlight). He or she tells everyone his or her name and then proceeds to act out the topic.*
- *Person acting can't use words, but he or she can use motions and sounds.*
- *The first person to guess what he or she is acting out gets to go next.*
- *Play as many rounds as time allows. Give everyone an opportunity to act in the spotlight.*
- *Topics to choose from: (kids can also make up their own topics if needed)*
  - *Iron Man*
  - *Spongebob Squarepants*
  - *Minecraft*
  - *riding an elephant*
  - *Olympics*
  - *texting someone*
  - *Transformers*
  - *building a treehouse*
  - *riding a rollercoaster*
  - *playing soccer*
  - *playing a video game*
  - *climbing a mountain*
  - *surfing at the beach*
  - *riding a skateboard*
  - *Star Wars*
  - *flying a drone*
  - *feeding a giraffe*
  - *pulling a tooth*
  - *riding in the Batmobile*
  - *playing a trumpet*

Transition slide (12)

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## LESSON (12 MIN)

*(lights down)*

Everybody likes things that glow in the dark. I know I do. I like things like ... (go through the following images of things that glow in the dark):

### Pic of night light (13)

A night light helps me sleep peacefully at night and protects me from stubbing my toes when I walk around the house in the dark.

### Pic of stars (14)

Stars are amazing! They look like they glow in the dark here on earth, when really they are huge suns or planets way out in space.

### Pic of fireflies (15)

Fireflies are pretty great, too. It's so much fun to watch them swarm around at dusk and sometimes I like to catch them and keep them in a jar. But check this out ...

### Pic of glow worms (16)

These worms even glow in the dark! How cool is that.

*(turn on your black light)*

### Black Slide (17)

You know, I think one reason we like things that glow in the dark is because sometimes we don't really like the dark, do we? When it's dark it can keep us from seeing things. Important things. Like the shoe you're going to trip over on your way to get a drink of water in the middle of the night.

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And it seems like we sometimes hear strange noises in the dark, don't we? If I hear these same noises when the lights are on, I'm totally fine. But when a wall creaks, or there is a bump somewhere and it's dark, I get really nervous!

So because there are all these things we don't know about when we are in the darkness, we look for ways to light things up.

*(Bring out a glow necklace and hold onto during this next segment.)*

You know, light and dark was something that Jesus talked about when He was here on earth. He said some pretty important things about the light and the darkness. Check out what Jesus said in the Bible.

Later, Jesus talked to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows Me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life." John 8:12 (18)

Jesus told us that He was the light of the World. Now that was a pretty big statement for Jesus to make, because what He was telling everyone was that He was God's Son! The people He spoke with had a really hard time believing that Jesus was God's Son. They didn't believe that Jesus had permission from God to tell everyone in the world something so big and amazing, but God had given Jesus His authority.

So, Jesus wanted everyone to understand a couple of things:

- *Pull out a prepared easel with a black foam core board.*
- *During the lesson, you will attach the florescent colored shapes and words to the board using Velcro.*
- *Make sure the black light is aimed at the board.*

Attach the WORLD shape



The Bible tells us that God created the world and everything in it. That includes you and me and all people everywhere, for all of history. We know that if God took the time to create people,

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then He must care about them a lot. I know when I create something, it's pretty special to me. And in fact, God doesn't just care about people, He loves them very much.

Sometimes, however, people don't always make God happy. We make choices where we disappoint God.

Attach picture of the tree



The very first people on earth were Adam and Eve. The Bible tells us about them in Genesis. They lived in the Garden of Eden under God's protection. The Garden was an absolute paradise and they had everything they ever needed! Most importantly, they were there with God.

The problem came when God gave them one rule to follow – only one! He told them they could eat anything in the Garden except from one tree. He explained if they ate the fruit from this tree, they would die. Well, wouldn't you know it, the Bible tells us that the devil came in the form of a snake and tricked Eve into eating that fruit, then she talked Adam into eating it too! When they did that, they sinned. Sin is when you disobey God.

Attach the word SIN under the tree.

The punishment for that sin was that Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden and were separated from God. Their lives were very hard from then on.

**Romans 3:23 – Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. (19)**

Adam and Eve weren't the only one. We've all messed up and done things that disappoint God. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 that everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's best for us.