

04 God's Word – A Light

- PUPPETS:** Arpee and Smukey
- PROPS:** Flashlight and Bible
- GOAL:** Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. To show that God's word sheds light on our path and shows us what to do?
- Smukey:** Hey, Arpee! Thanks for waking me up real early this morning and inviting me to walk with you. I had such a great time, walking with you.
- Arpee:** That's okay, Smukey. It's always great to walk in the early morning hours. You can get exercise as well as talk to God about the day that you are about to live.
- Smukey:** You know, it was really dark when we started out and I felt a bit scared. That's strange, because before I was always scared of the light – I liked darkness and all the things that went with it. Why would I not like darkness now?
- Arpee:** Because you have come to appreciate the light. Once you have seen the light, the darkness is not so attractive.
- Smukey:** That's right! I was so pleased when you turned your flashlight on as we were walking. It helped me to see where we were going.
- Arpee:** Yes, this flashlight is great as a light. It shows me just where to go when things around are dark.
- Smukey:** Like this morning when we were walking - I would have tripped over that tree root if it wasn't for your flashlight. But it showed me the way and I could walk safely.
- Arpee:** You know, Smukey, I had another light with me this morning too. In fact I even carry this one during the day as well. It is a really bright light! And I often use it through the day.
- Smukey:** I didn't see any other light! And why would you need a light in daytime!
- Arpee:** Well, sometimes you find yourself in a situation where you don't know where to go, and this light shows the way.

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- Smukey: Wow that is some light – where is it?
- Arpee: Well it's right here in my hand.
- Smukey: I don't see any bright light! You're holding a book not a light.
- Arpee: Oh, but don't you see this book, the Bible - is the light!
- Smukey: Let me see, shine a bit this way.... (Smukey looks carefully at the Bible). Think you must be wrong on this one, Arpee – can't see any light at all!
- Arpee: Well actually it's worked a few times for you too. Remember the other morning when I first met you I told you about a verse from the Bible?
- Smukey: Oh yeah – about loving darkness...
- Arpee: Yes that's right. Remember what you said about that verse yesterday
- Smukey: Yes, "it hit me between the eyes like a beam of lightning..."
Oh, I get it... light.. lightning. You mean the words of the Bible shine a light in our life?
- Arpee: You said it! It's just like my flashlight! Shows me where and how to walk.
- Smukey: You mean all the time?
- Arpee: It sure does. Whenever I am not sure about something, I can know that God's Word will help me work out what is the right thing to do. It shines a light on my path...
- Smukey: So the Bible even talks about things like alcohol and drugs?
- Arpee: It sure does. How about this verse in Proverbs 20:1
Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.
- Smukey: Oh boy, I never knew it said that!
- Arpee: Yes, and it talks about our bodies being the temple of the Holy Spirit, and therefore we should look after that temple. Paul said in 1 Cor. 3:17 that If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

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Smukey: Wow, the light is sure shining. How did you know that about the Bible – that it is a light?

Arpee: Well the Bible says it itself in Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Smukey: Oh that's so cool. You mean I can carry this with me and always have light?

Arpee: Yes, and what's more – if you learn some of these texts from memory, then you can carry it in your head so that even if you don't have a Bible on you, you still have the light with you. David talked about that in the same psalm as the last text came from. Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Smukey: I going to go get myself a light! I need it 'cos I've been in darkness for while! See you later, Arpee and thanks for sharing the light this morning!