



The candle

AT A GLANCE



Bible

John 1:4–5



Topic

Light in the darkness



Takeaway

Jesus is a light the darkness cannot overcome



8 minutes



Object: a candle, matches, tea lights for everyone on a fireproof surface



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Light in the darkness". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Darken the room and light a single candle. Ask: How much does one single light change?

2 min

Bible text

Read John 1:4–5: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

3 min

Thought

Darkness cannot blow out a candle. John says: Jesus is a light the darkness cannot overcome. That does not mean there are no dark times – conflict, grief, bad news. But the light is stronger. And whoever lights their own candle from this light can shine for others.

2 min

Conversation

Where is it dark right now – in your life or for someone you know?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, you are the light the darkness cannot overcome. Shine into my dark corners and make me a light for others. Amen.



To think further

- Light your tea lights one after another from the first candle: how does the room change?
- What can you do to “light a light” for someone?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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