

The background of the top section is a dark space filled with numerous overlapping, glowing circles of various colors (pink, blue, green, orange, red, yellow). Each circle has a concentric line pattern, giving them a bokeh or light effect. Scattered throughout are white, four-pointed starburst symbols.

# LIGHT SHOW

LET THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BEGIN

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES - DEC 21

These activities are part of the videos explained each week on [gebc.org.nz/equip](http://gebc.org.nz/equip).  
An alternative video of the story is on [gebc.org.nz/switch](http://gebc.org.nz/switch) that everyone may also enjoy.

These activities are for those in EQUIP and SWITCH to do.

They usually need two or more people to do them and younger kids may need assistance from someone older. But you can usually do them on your own by adapting them slightly if need be.

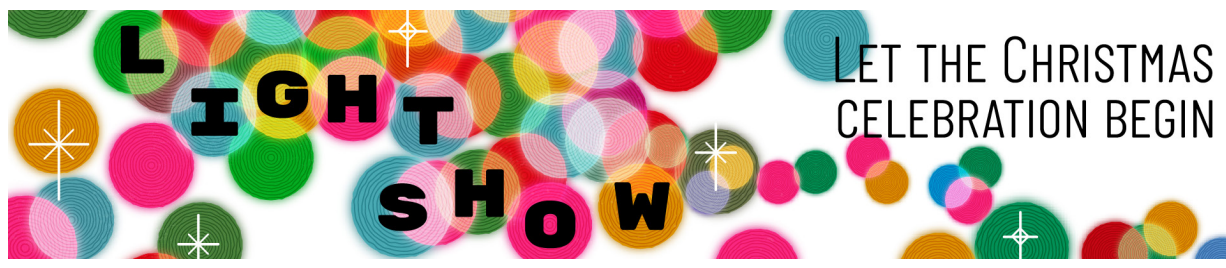
### SO EACH WEEK...

- Watch the video on [gebc.org.nz/equip](http://gebc.org.nz/equip) or [gebc.org.nz/switch](http://gebc.org.nz/switch) to see the story and get you thinking.
- Follow the instructions in the video or read and follow along with the instructions provided. Choose the activities that suit you best.
- Finish off during the week by looking at your EQUIP journal or SWITCH devotional cards.

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# CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATING JESUS,  
GOD'S GREATEST GIFT



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# RISING LIGHTS

## WHAT YOU NEED...

- “Rising Lights Template” Activity Pages; Bibles; red strips of card; brown, and yellow card; markers or pens; scissors; glue; mini clothespins and tape.

## WHAT YOU DO...

- First cut out the pieces from the “Raising Lights Template”.
- Now trace and cut out the following:
  - » a large circle from the brown card
  - » a flame out of the yellow card
  - » two strips of red card
- Read John 3:16.
- Use the Bible as a guide to write John 3:16 on the red card strips.
- Glue the two red strips of paper together at one corner perpendicularly - so it looks like a giant L shape.
- Fold the bottom of the L back over the glued corner and fold the other strip over the top of that.
- Continue folding the strips over each other like an accordion.
- When you have reached the end of the strips, glue the top fold of paper to the one beneath it to make a candle.
- Glue the bottom of the candle to the brown circle as a base.
- Fold and glue the tab of the flame shape to the top of the candle.
- Glue/tape the mini clothspin to the other side of the brown circle. Now, once the glue dries, the candle can clip to a branch on a Christmas tree.

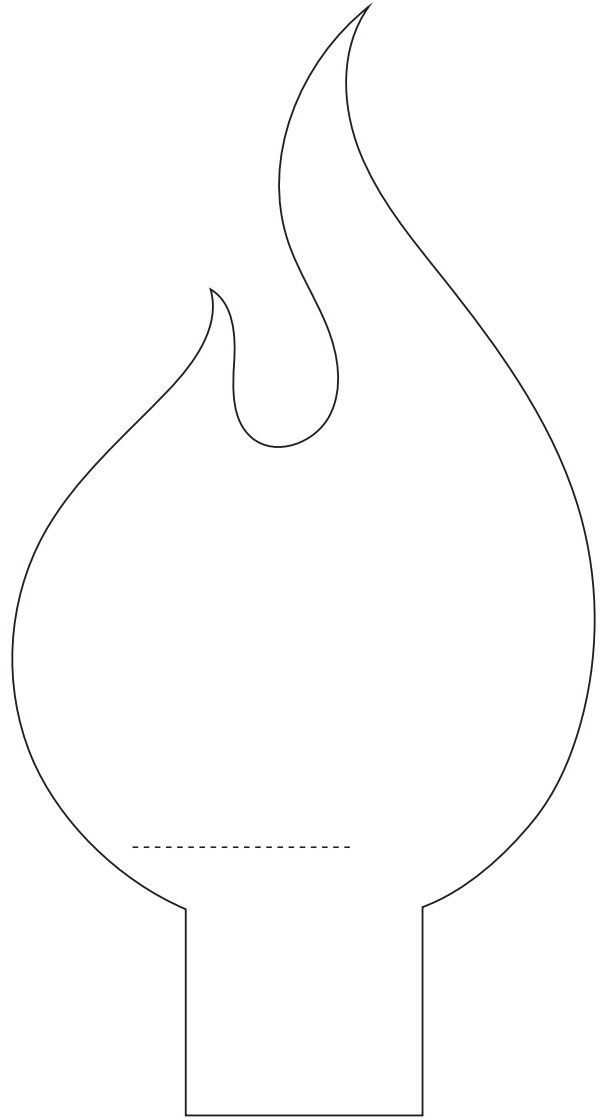
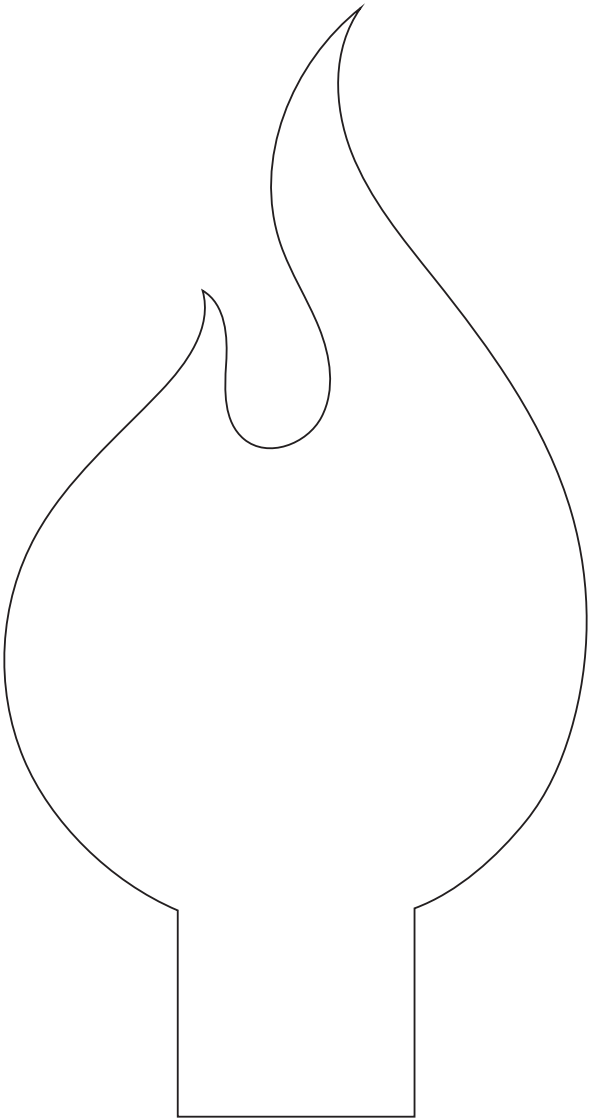
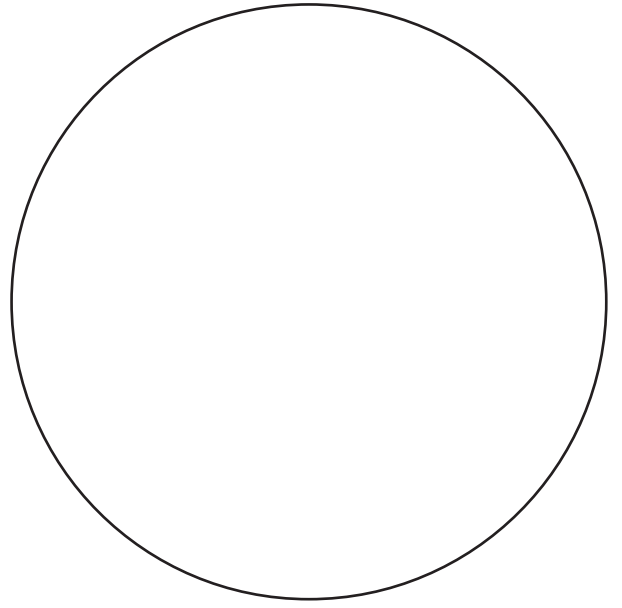
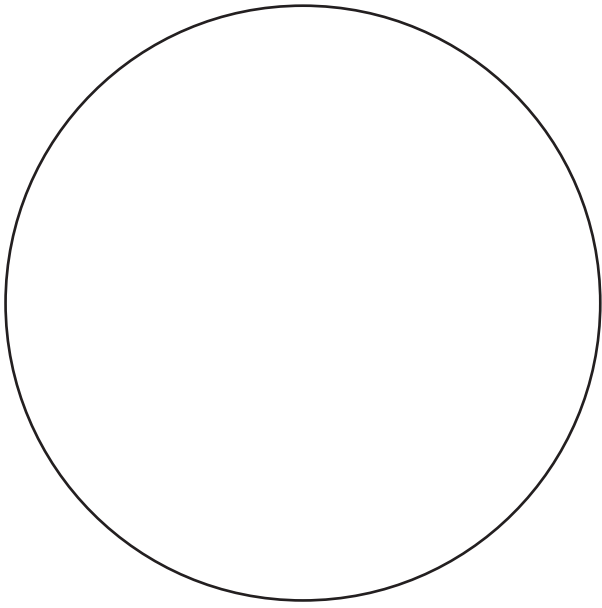
## THINK...

People have used candles to **celebrate because God sent a Saviour** for thousands of years! There’s always been a way to shine light in the dark at Christmas - from candles to bonfires to luminarias to Christmas lights and even glow sticks!

- » Why do you think shining a light at Christmas is so important? *(To remind us that Jesus came to rescue us from darkness; because Jesus is the light of the world; because the angels lit up the night sky, etc.)*

All along, God had planned to rescue people from sin and its darkness—dark thoughts, words, and actions. Our verse reminds us that in that plan, God gave Jesus to the world like a gift. He is the light of the world that casts out the darkness. That’s one of the reasons we celebrate with lights to this day.

- » Why is it important to celebrate Jesus’ birth?
- » How can you remember that Christmas is when we **celebrate because God sent a Saviour** and not just a good time with family or getting lots of presents?
- » The shepherds told everyone they met about Jesus. Is talking about Jesus a way to celebrate what God has done? Why or why not?





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# CUT OUT NATIVITY

## WHAT YOU NEED...

- "Cut out Nativity" sheet, Scissors, colouring pens. *Optional:* String to hang them or card to make stands.

## WHAT YOU DO...

- Colour in the pieces of the nativity
- Cut out the pieces of the nativity
- Arrange the pieces into a scene.
  - » You could add string and hang them on your tree, or tape them to card and make them stand up.
  - » Alternatively glue them onto a piece of paper and draw in the rest of your scene.

## THINK...

God planned to be close friends with the people He created from the very beginning. But when people chose to disobey God, they distanced themselves from Him. So God sent Jesus, His own Son, to give His life and bring us back into friendship with God.

The first people to hear the news that the Saviour was born were the shepherds.

- » How did they hear about it? (the angels)
- » What did the shepherds do then? (*went to see Jesus*)
- » Then what did they do after they visited Jesus and His family? (*They told everyone about Him.*)

The shepherds really knew how to **celebrate because God sent a Saviour**. They didn't keep the Good News to themselves - they told everyone they could!

