

DARKNESS

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INTO LIGHT

FOCUS

GENESIS 1:3, PSALM 139:11-12 & 142:5 &
JOHN 1:5 & 8:12

Jesus is the light of the world!
With him there is no darkness!

MATERIALS

Black paper and white strips (1 set per child)
Jesus puppet (1 per child)
Flashlight (1 per child)
Fort
God is My Refuge sign (1 per child)
Crayons, scissors, glue & tape

ACTIVITIES

1. IN THE BEGINNING

TALK: Light is the opposite of dark! When it is light we can see all around us, but when it is dark it is hard to see! In the beginning of creation it was dark, so God said, "Let there be light!" and there was light!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow tear or cut out stripes of white paper and glue them to a piece of black paper, pointing out the opposite colors.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

AND GOD SAID, "LET THERE BE LIGHT," AND THERE WAS LIGHT.

GENESIS 1:3

2. LIGHT WINS!

TALK: When you are in a dark place, it is hard to see, but when you turn on a light, the light overcomes the darkness! As long as the light is on, it cannot be dark anymore!

ACTIVITY: Go into a dark room with your Tiny Arrow and point out how it is hard to see when it is dark, then turn the light on and show how the darkness is gone and replaced by light!

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.

JOHN 1:5

ACTIVITIES

3. LIGHT OF THE WORLD

TALK: Jesus said “I am the light of the world!” If you walk with him there will always be light!

ACTIVITY: Have your Tiny Arrow color the Jesus coloring page. Then help them to cut out around the figure and add the jumbo craft stick at the bottom to make it a puppet!



CORRESPONDING VERSE

WHEN JESUS SPOKE AGAIN TO THE PEOPLE, HE SAID, “I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.”

JOHN 8:12

4. ALWAYS LIGHT

TALK: Jesus is the light of the world, so for him, darkness is not dark, it is light!

ACTIVITY: Walk through a dark room shining the flashlight through the Jesus puppet.

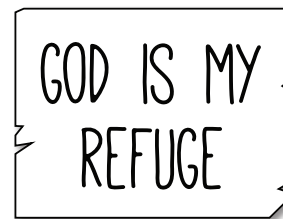
EVEN THE DARKNESS WILL NOT BE DARK TO YOU; THE NIGHT WILL SHINE LIKE THE DAY, FOR DARKNESS IS AS LIGHT TO YOU.

PSALM 139:11-12

5. REFUGE

TALK: David was hiding in a cave from Saul. He needed somewhere dark and quiet so he could not easily be found. But while he was there he was crying out to God and telling him his troubles. But even in that dark place, God was his refuge. Even though the cave was dark for David, it was not dark for God!

ACTIVITY: Make a fort and have your Tiny Arrow go inside. Point out that David was finding a dark place to hide and even though everything seemed dark, God was his refuge! Then have your Tiny Arrow color and hang up the “God is my refuge” sign in the fort!



I SAY “YOU ARE MY REFUGE, MY PORTION IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.”

PSALM 142:5

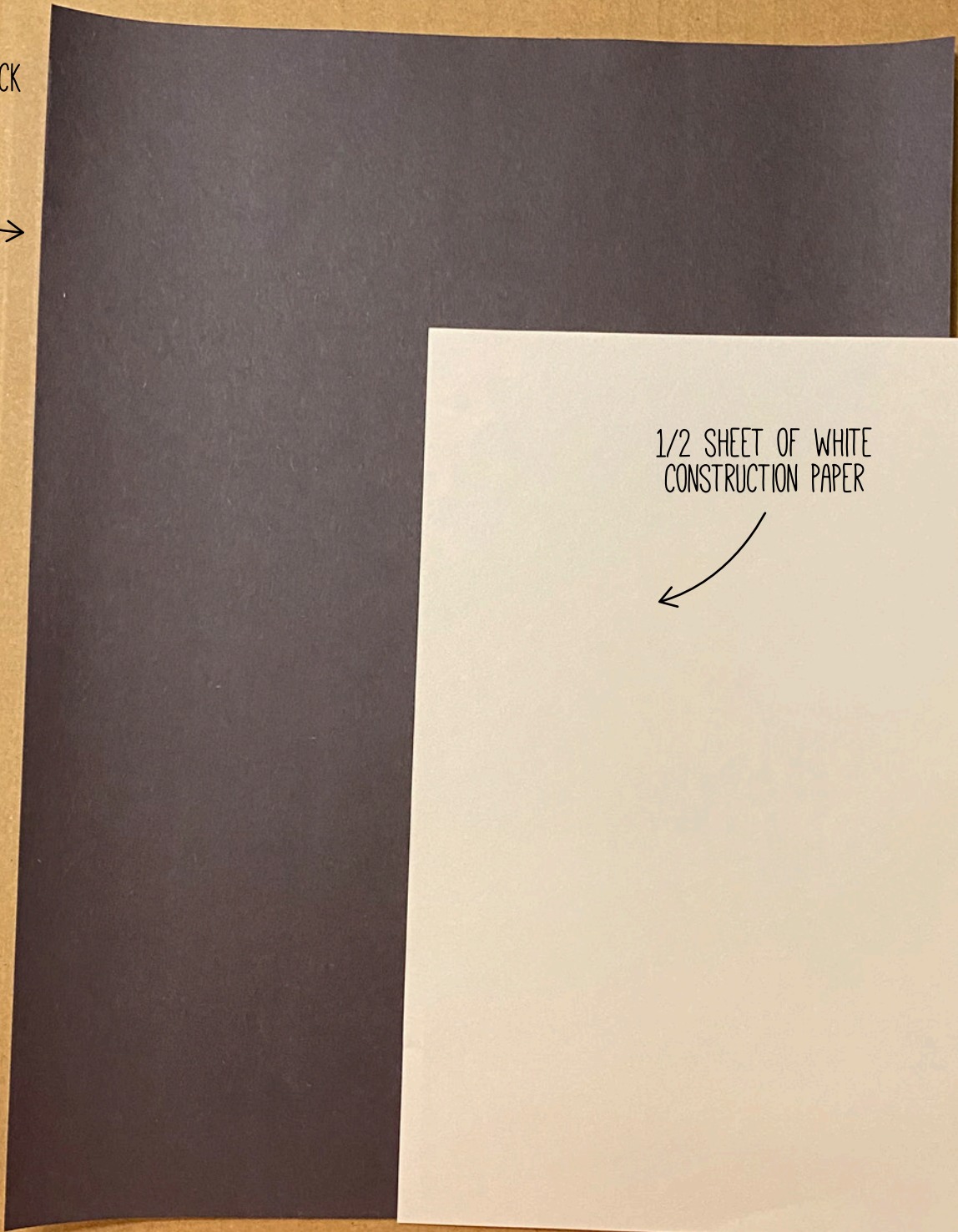
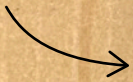
OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

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JOHN 1:5

LIGHT & DARK

1 PIECE OF BLACK
CONSTRUCTION
PAPER

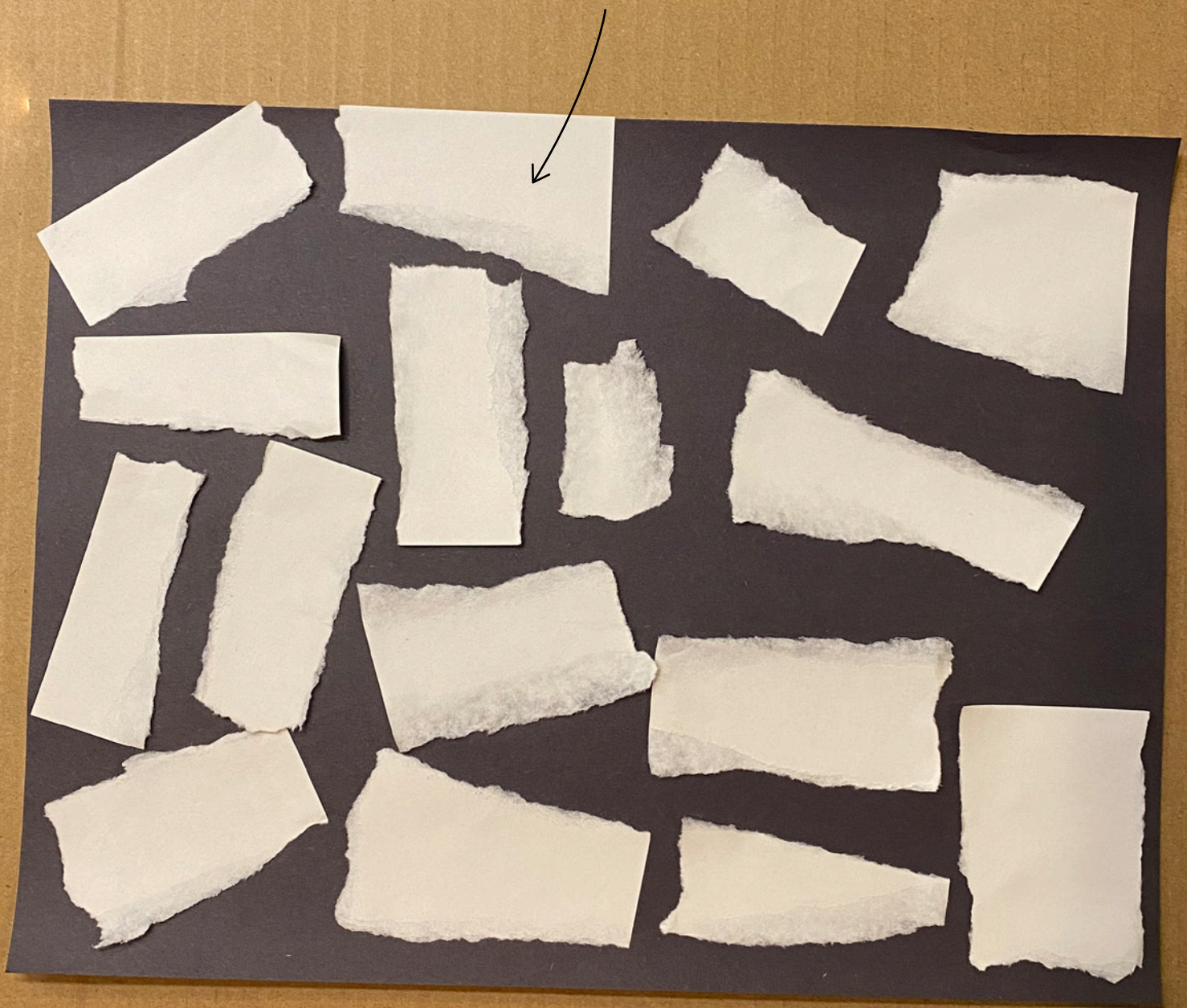


1/2 SHEET OF WHITE
CONSTRUCTION PAPER



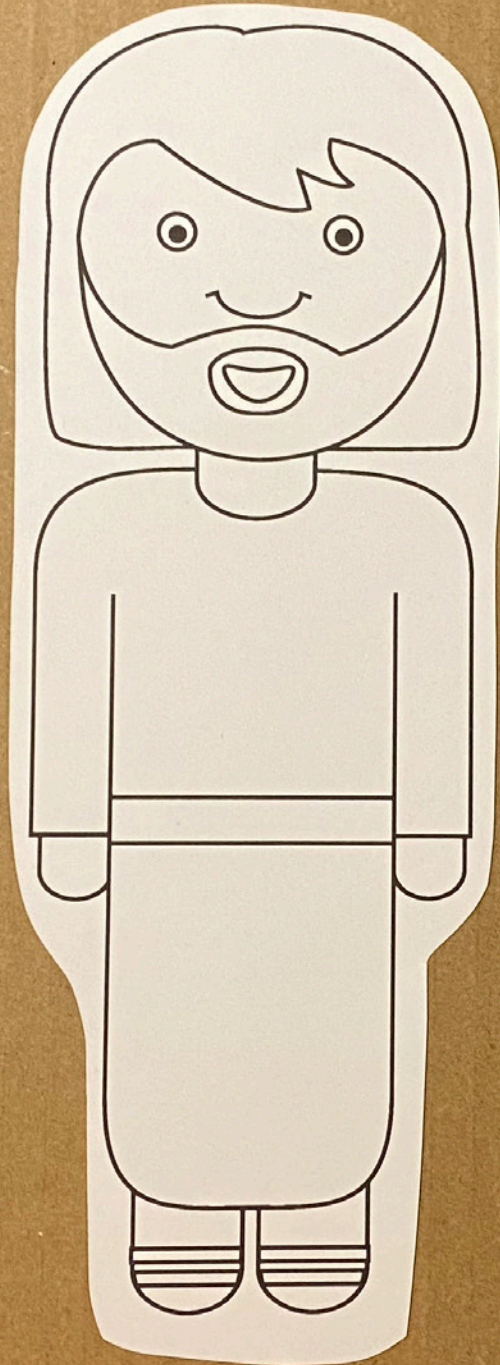
LIGHT & DARK

RIP THE WHITE PAPER INTO STRIPS &
GLUE TO THE BLACK PAPER

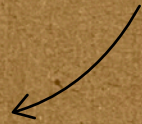


JESUS PUPPET

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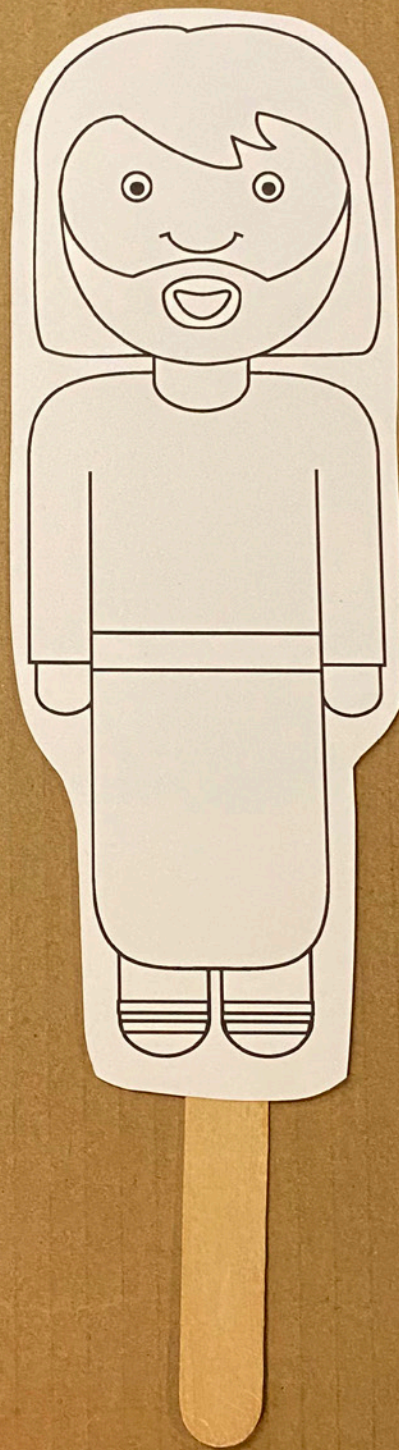
1 JUMBO CRAFT STICK

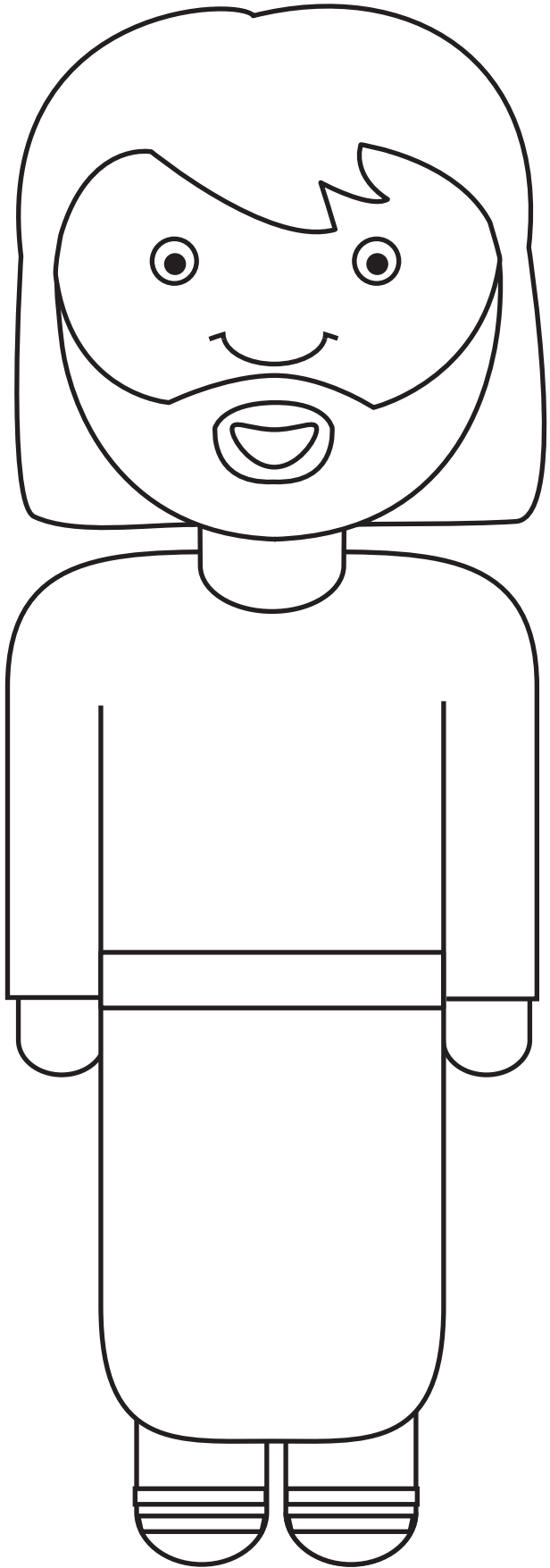


JESUS PUPPET



GLUE/TAPE THE
CRAFT STICK TO
THE PUPPET





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