

In our Bible reading, we are going to hear about how we live and act when we know Jesus. As we read, listen for what happens with the light and darkness in these verses and how we live in the light from Jesus.

*Read 1 John 2:1-11 NLT is included in this but you are welcome to read whatever version you would like.*

What we just read told us that we should live like Jesus did (verse 6). When we live like Jesus did, we will love our neighbors. Our neighbors are not just people who live by us but are our friends, people we go to school with, kids that ride the bus with us, and people we don't like.

Who are some of these neighbors in your life? *Discuss this*

How can you show the love of Jesus to these neighbors and people around you? *Discuss This*

The rest of our Bible reading tells us that when we show love to people, we are living in the light. When we live in the light, we speak kind words to people, show joy in our lives, are patient with others, are faithful to God, and have self control (Galatians 5:22-23). Have you ever tried to walk in the dark when you didn't know where you were going? How did it go? Was it hard or scary? Did you think you would fall? *Discuss These*

Just like it is hard to walk in the dark, when we don't have the light of Jesus in our lives, it is hard to live like Him. But, even when we mess up and don't show His love to people around us, Jesus forgives us. Jesus died so that all of your sins and the sins of the world are all forgiven and washed away!

Prayer: Dear God, there are times when it is hard for me to love the people around me. Help me to love them like you love them and to forgive as you have forgiven me. Thank you for forgiving me and teaching me to walk in the light. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.