

Light and colour: Teacher's topic guide

God is Truth Year 2

God is faithful to His word

Spiritual awareness

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." He also said "I am the light of the world". Because He is truth, He brings light to a world in darkness.

Bible story:

Genesis 6-8 The rainbow was given as a sign of God's promise, never to flood the whole world again. The rainbow reminds us that God is always true to His word.

Bible Verses:

John 14:6 Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and never walk in darkness."

Matthew 5:13-16 Christians as salt and light.

Ephesians 5:8-11 Live as children of the light.

Matthew 6:22-23 If your eye is clear your whole body will be full of light.

1 Peter 2:9 He has brought you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

Romans 13:12 Put on the armour of light.

1 John 1:5 God is light and there is no darkness at all in Him.

1 John 1:7 If we live in the light, just as He is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin.

Our response to 'God is Truth / God is Light'

Because God is truth I will...

- Put God first in my life.
- Never follow other gods.
- know that God is true to His word
- be true to the words I speak and keep my word
- understand that to live in God's light, I need to be forgiven for our sin
- understand that to live in the light I need to follow God, trust and obey and read His word.

Key Questions

What is light?

How does light make you feel?

What is darkness?

How does darkness make you feel?

Why does light remind us of the things that come from God?

Why does darkness remind us of things that come from Satan?

What does the Bible mean by 'living in the light'?

Who is the light of the world?

How is life dependent on light?

Outcomes

Students will

Knowledge

- Understand the critical role the sun plays in supplying the earth with light and energy
- Understand the meaning of transparent, translucent and opaque
- Understand the difference between reflected and refracted light (middle/upper primary)
- Understand that light can be broken up into colour
- Name the primary colours and the colours that are formed when primary colours are mixed together
- Explain human dependence upon light
- Explain animal dependence upon light.
- Understand the critical role the sun plays in supplying the earth with light and energy.
- Recognize that the sun is a star.
- Know the difference between a star and a planet.
- Explain the connection between day / night and the earth's rotation.

Skills

- observe and describe the colours of the rainbow
- identify colours that will make an object stand out from its background
- conduct experiments with light and record results

Activities

- Conduct blindfold walks to show dependence upon light.
- List reasons for plant, animal and human dependence upon light.
- Experiment to show dependence of plants upon light.
- List daytime and night time activities of humans and animals.
- Paint with water on white concrete path, and observe the way the water evaporates in the sun.
- Classify lights into different categories, e.g. lights in the sky, electric lights, projected lights, reflected lights, fire light.
- Experiment with objects or materials that reflect e.g. mirrors, glass, water, shiny metals.
- Make a periscope.
- Experiment with prisms. See how sunlight passes through glass and splits the white light up into spectrum of colours.
- Identify colours of the rainbow.
- Blow bubbles and discuss the colours that are seen in the film.
- Identify primary and secondary colours.
- Name the colours that will be formed when two primary colours are mixed.
- Use cellophane to explore the effects of combining colours.
- Make black and white collages.
- Make candles.
- Use paint, experiment with colour mixing.
- Use cellophane to explore the effects of combining two colours.
- Make a cardboard colour wheel by combining two or more colours and spinning the wheel rapidly on an axle.
- Make a colour wheel that shows all primary and secondary colours.
- Study colour in the world around us.
- Using a combination of different coloured paper and pencils, discover the combinations of colours that are bright or dull looking.
- Devise an experiment to show that plants depend on light for growth.
- Plant seeds, varying exposure to light.

- Observe plants in the natural environment and note the way in which they compete for light.
- List reasons for human and animal dependence upon light. e.g. to see objects, availability of plant food.
- Classify animals of the day and animals of the night.
- Observe different kinds of lights.
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- Devise shadow games using an overhead projector.
- Make shadow puppets.
- Set up a shadow stick, observing shadow lengths throughout the day.
- Use models to demonstrate an eclipse of the moon or sun/ day and night.
- Experiment with light using opaque, transparent and translucent paper.
- Discover how light travels.
- Experiment with mirrors.
- Make a spectrum using prisms.
- Record the colours of the rainbow.

Assessment

1. Draw up a table with 3 columns. The headings for each column: transparent, reflective, opaque. Now go around the room and find objects for these categories. Write or draw them in the appropriate column.
2. Show the colours made by mixing primary colours.
3. What have I learned from the study of light and colour...
 - about God?
 - about doing what God wants me to do?
 - about the Bible?

Thinking skills: Light and colour

Make-your-own book: God made the Light

Values education Year 2

God is Truth

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness means that ...

You will do what you say you will do.

You keep your promises

You are honest

You can be trusted

You keep secrets when you are meant to keep secrets

Discussion and activities

Think of a person is trustworthy.

Why would you say that they are trustworthy?

Think of your best friend.

Why is it important to be a trustworthy friend?

Would your friend want to stay being your friend if you shared secrets about them that they didn't want shared?

Would your friend want to stay being your friend if you said you were going to do something, but you didn't?

God is trustworthy

That means He will keep His word. He will do what He says He will do in the Bible.

The Bible calls this "faithfulness".

What does the Bible say about God's faithfulness?

Psalms 36:5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Psalms 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?

Psalms 119:90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Art Year 2

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Topic: *Light and colour*

Biblical connection: The God of the Bible is the only true God. He brings light to those who walk in darkness. He always keeps His promises.

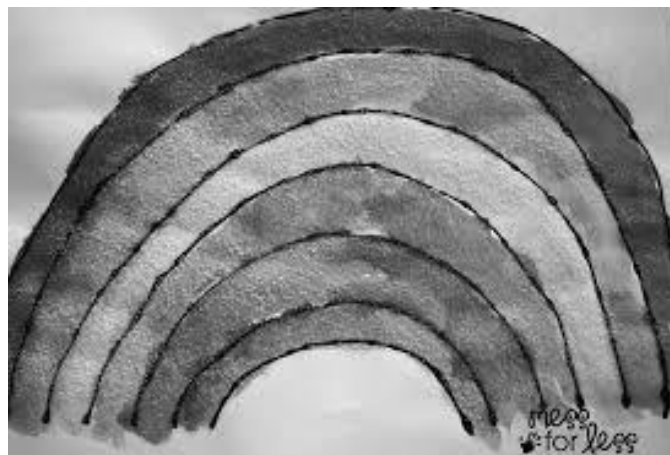
Bible art as a wall display: Noah's ark landed and sign of rainbow, the sign of God's promise.



Painting and drawing

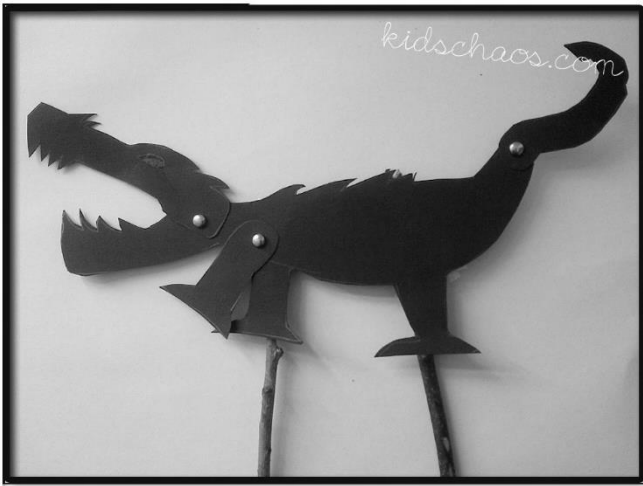
- Marbelling. Drop some thin paint of two colours on to a sheet of paper. Fold in half.
- Paint using three primary colours.
- Two colours of powder paint are together in a container: blue and yellow; red and blue; or red and yellow. Paint with dry powder paints on wet paper.

Drawing or painting the colours of the rainbow: order of colours from outside to the inside: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet



Construction

- Make shadow puppets. Children can work in groups or pairs to write a script for their characters.



How to make a shadow puppet theatre

What you need

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1 sheet of tissue paper (large enough to cover one side of your box)

sticky tape

scissors or a craft knife

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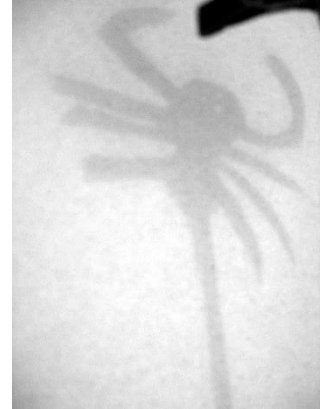
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Characters: Jumpy the spider - he likes to jump the owl
Crowey the owl - likes to fly. He crows like a crow

Beginning: Owl is crowing in his nest. Then spider sees him and thinks it's strange.

Middle: Spider thinks he can teach owl how to hoot. He teaches him.

End: Now owl can hoot.

Practical Science Year 2

God is Truth

Topic: Light and colour

Mixing colours

You will need

- 5 large glass bowls
- 2 plastic cups
- Red, blue and yellow food coloring
- Water

Instructions

- Pour water into 3 glass bowls and add a few drops of food coloring to each.
- Set aside one bowl for mixing and another as a dumping bowl.
- Now let the children have fun taking a cupful of water from two of the primary colors and mixing them in the mixing bowl.
- Repeat the experiment by pouring some of the third color into the dumping bowl.

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Topic: Light and Colour Dyed Flowers

Things you will need:

- A few stems of bright, white flowers such as lilies, chrysanthemums or carnations
- Jars filled with water
- Food colouring

Instructions:

1. Use the food dye to colour the water in each jar. This experiment works best with strong dye
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3. Now watch and wait!

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Separating Colours

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- Scissors
- A black marker
- Water
- A cup

Instructions:

1. Cut a long strip of the absorbent paper (about 5cm wide).
2. With the black marker, draw a line across the strip (parallel to the bottom, about half way along).
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3. Ask the students to observe the position of the sun. Use the chalk to mark the length of each student's shadow on the yarn.
4. Return outside and repeat the same steps later in the morning, at midday, in the early afternoon and again later in the afternoon.
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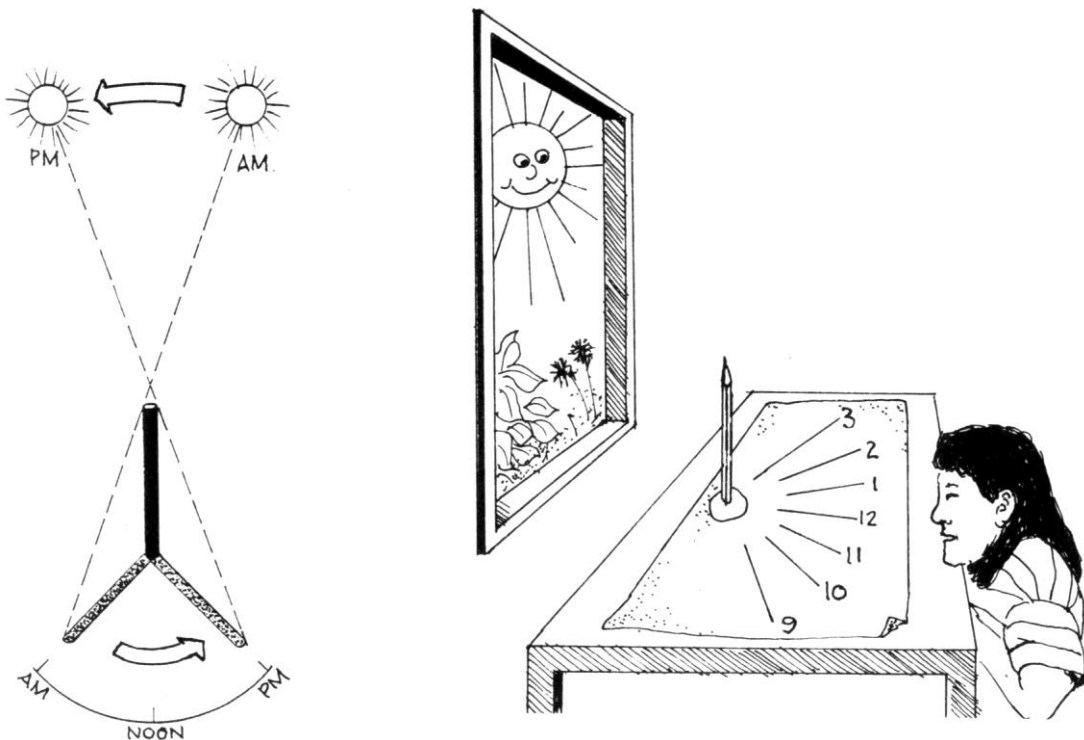
What makes shadows?

Shadows are made when something blocks the light shining on it.

In the olden days, people did not have clocks like the ones we have today. They measured time by the sun. They could tell the time by the length of the shadow made by a shadow stick (also called a Sun dial).

To make a sun dial:

1. Cut a circle from stiff cardboard to make a dial.
2. Push a sharp pencil or skewer through the middle of it.
3. Push the pencil into the ground.
4. Mark on the dial where the pencil's shadow falls each hour.



<p>Light and colour 1</p> <p>Draw a picture using one colour to show how you feel today.</p>	<p>Light and colour 2</p> <p>Name 3 things that a torch and a book have in common.</p>
<p>Light and colour 3</p> <p>Make a machine to paint a picture of a rainbow.</p>	<p>Light and colour 4</p> <p>What if there were no colours in our world?</p> <p>Give 3 ideas to explain what it would be like.</p>
<p>Light and colour 5</p> <p>Draw a torch</p> <p>Now redesign it by using the following steps:</p> <p>B – make one part bigger</p> <p>A – add something extra</p> <p>R – replace one part with something bigger</p>	<p>Light and colour 6</p> <p>What do you think would happen to the world if there was no light?</p> <p>Give 3 suggestions.</p>

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A book to make

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In the dark you cannot see
at all.

The sun gives us daylight.
The moon gives us
moonlight.

Fire gives us light.
Electricity gives light.
God made these things to
give us light.

The sun sends out rays of light. It shines on the Earth.

But the sun shines only on one side of the earth at a time. Half the earth has daytime while half the earth has night time.

The moon is like a giant
mirror.

It bounces sunlight on to the
earth.