

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

UMCOR SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



This Children's Message is part of the UMCOR Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme "Embodying Compassion: Being God's Light." The message can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service or Sunday school class.

MATERIALS: A flashlight or a battery-operated candle

Today's memory verse is John 3:19 (CEB).

Jesus said: "**The light has come into the world.**"

Ask the children to repeat the verse.

What do you think Jesus meant when he talked about light coming into the world?

Today is UMCOR Sunday. Have you ever had your lights go out during a storm? Sometimes we say that things feel very bleak or dark when people are going through a hard situation. UMCOR is like a flashlight of God's love to help those in need during difficult times, like when there are disasters. I wonder if you can think of ways to shine God's light by helping others on this UMCOR Sunday.

Turn off the lights.

"In our world, there are times when things can seem shadowy and joy can feel hidden, just like in this room."

Turn on the flashlight, and explain,

"But Jesus is like this light, shining God's love into our lives. When we follow Jesus' teachings and show love to others, we are also shining God's light."

Jesus encourages us to shine brightly, which can mean doing good things, helping others and being kind. Just like the people who serve with UMCOR do.

This flashlight shines in the dark. And you can shine God's love by being kind, helpful and supporting UMCOR Sunday. Together we embody compassion and can shine with God's light to brighten the world together!



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