

Light & Darkness

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John 12:35-36, 46

Genesis 1:3-4

JOHN

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

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1 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

John 1:4-5

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 3:19

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Acts 26:17b-18

17b I am sending you to them

18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

Col 2:13-15*The Word Became Flesh*

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Col 1:13

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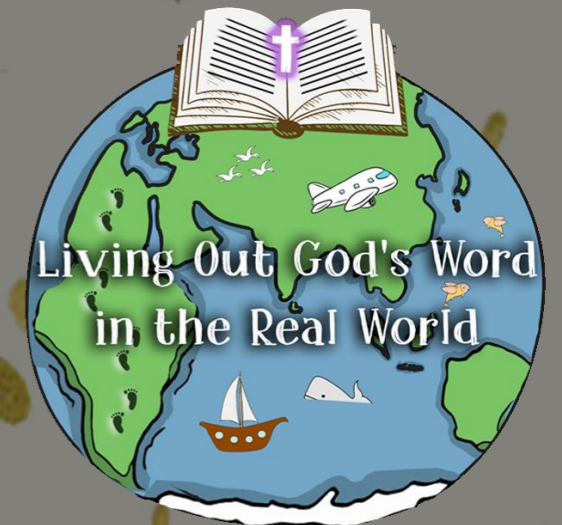
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35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the

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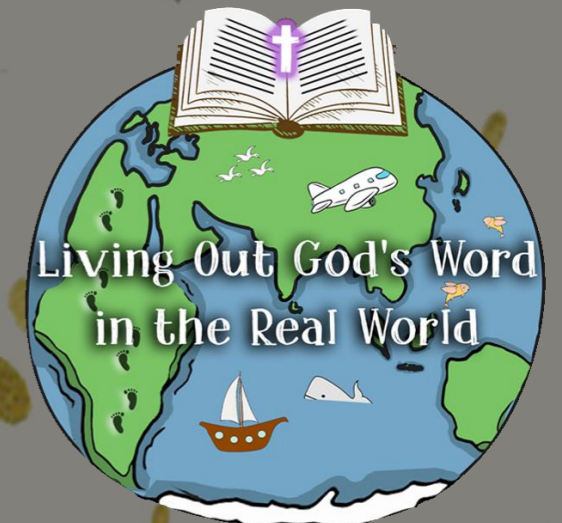
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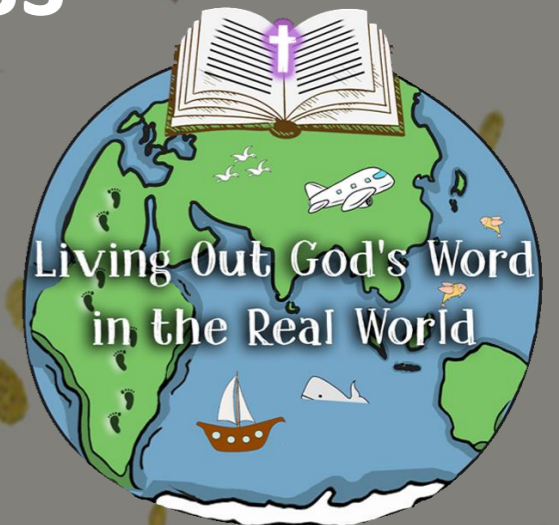
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- Participate in the PMC Bible Marathon, Preachers' Journal
- Consider Baptism & Membership class
- Join a Life Group
- Find an area of service to God



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John 12:36

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2 Cor 5:20

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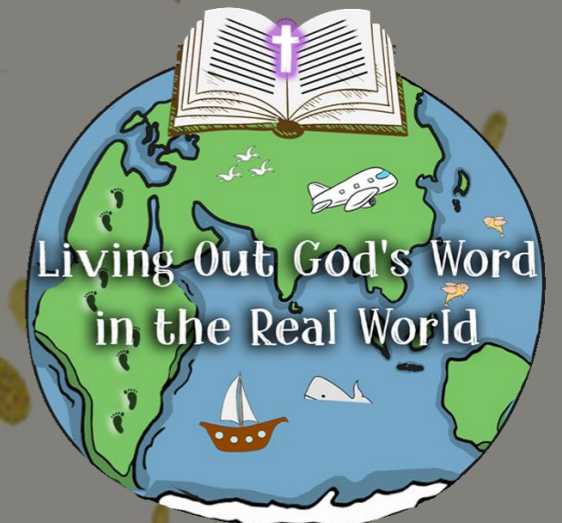
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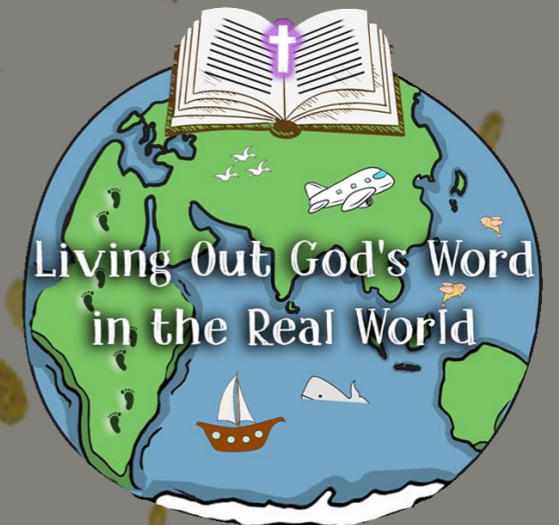
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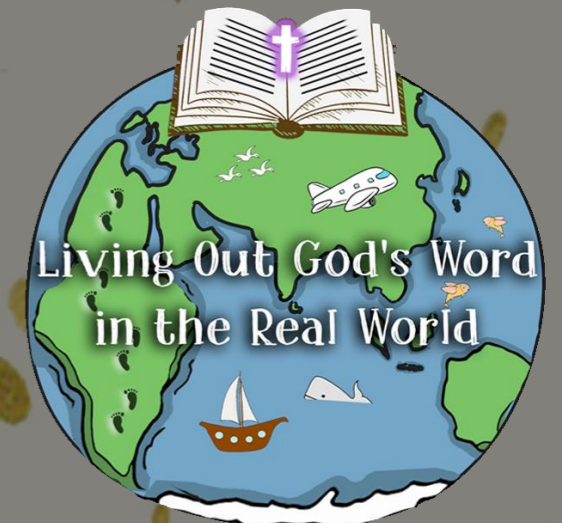
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Psalm 23:4

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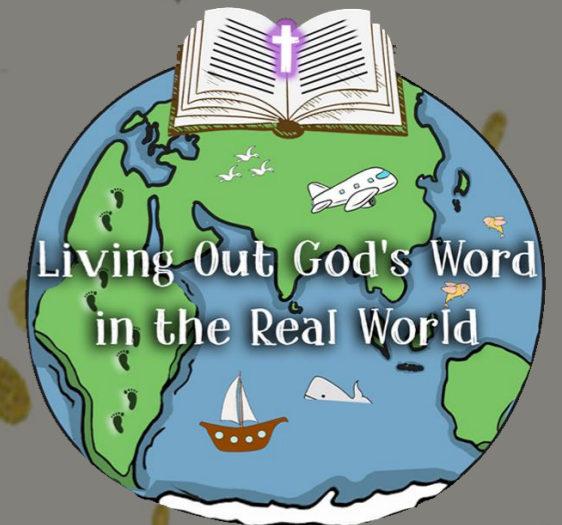
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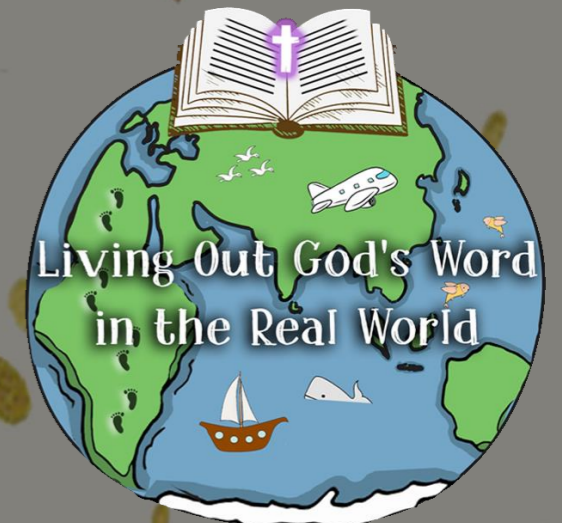
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2. Let the light of Christian community shine in
^{9 n}The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to ^phis own, ² and ^qhis own people ^{3 r}did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, ^swho believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who ^wwere born, ^xnot of blood ^ynor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And ^zthe Word ^abecame flesh and ^bdwelt among us, ^cand we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son ⁴ from the Father, full of ^dgrace and ^etruth. ¹⁵(^fJohn bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, ^g'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from ^hhis fullness we have all received,



**1. Jesus is the Light of the world –
Believe in Him, Follow Him**

**2. Christians are the light of the world
– Shine for Him**

**3. When darkness surrounds you – Let
the Light in, Trust Him**

JOHN

Rev 21:4

14 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Rev 22:5

5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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