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January 21 – 27

Shine Your Light

The family was gathered together for Family Home Evening. Mom was just about to start the lesson when the power went out. It was completely dark.

"Hey, not to worry, kids!" Dad said cheerfully. "We can use this darkness as part of our lesson! April, turn on your cell phone light and go find us some flashlights in the garage! I'll find us a scripture in the meantime..."

April left to get the flashlights while Dad quickly scrolled the scripture app on his phone. When April returned, she handed everyone a flashlight. Auggie immediately turned his on. He didn't like the darkness.

"Hang on just a second there, Bud." Dad said to Auggie. "Why don't we all turn off our lights for a minute to understand this scripture. How about you read these scriptures Auggie? John 1:4-5."

Auggie took Dad's phone. It was the only light in the room.

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

"To translate for you, the gospel is the light." Dad explained. "And when it says 'the darkness comprehended it not,' that means those in the dark do not understand the gospel. Keep reading, Bud. Verses 7-9."

"The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

"Thanks, Auggie." Dad smiled. "Mom, what did those verses mean?"

"Well, if the gospel is light, we need to share the gospel and spread the light." Mom shared.

"Right!" Dad pointed to the light shining from the phone. "Right now, this light is a little dim in the room, but it's much better than the darkness! See what happens when each of you turn on your flashlights, one by one! You start, May."

May turned on her flashlight. The room was a little less dark. Then Auggie turned on his light. He liked that he could see better. April turned her light on next. Then Mom and June. The room got brighter and brighter!

"See? When we share the gospel, the world becomes less of a dark place. Share the gospel! Be a light!" Dad exclaimed, just as the power suddenly turned back on.