



Delight in the Light

OBJECTIVE: Ladies will come together in an evening Christmas program to worship the Light of the World.

SCRIPTURAL EMPHASIS: Is. 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Take this time from a busy Christmas rush to come together in worship of Christ in an evening candlelight service including scripture, music, and two skits. This program will emphasize Christ's birth and kingship through celebrating Him as the Light of the World. If you are unable to do an evening service, adapt this to your regular morning program time.

DECORATIONS: Decorate with small white Christmas lights, greenery, and candles. In the middle of the front of the sanctuary, place a cross with a spotlight on it. On one side place a potato cart with straw in it and lights on it. This is the manger. On the other side of the cross place a kingly looking chair draped with royal colors (purple, deep blue, or red). In front of the cross, on the altar or a small table, place an open Bible on a stand and a candle (could also have greenery and lights). If you have a meal or snacks, you could use simple decorations of candles, greenery, and Christmas foil.

FAVOR: Small wooden light bulb, painted by your crafty ladies. Glue on a pin back. Run off the attached sheet on cardstock. Cut out the cards, measure, and punch holes for each end of the pin back. Using small scissors or a razor blade, make a slit between the holes and slide the closed pin back into place.

SKIT: "Store Wars" is a copyrighted skit taken from the book *Tangled in the Tinsel* by Martha Bolton, c1987, published by Lillenas Publishing Company. The skit, requiring four persons, is a hilarious portrayal of shoppers caught up in the Christmas shopping frenzy. It is not necessarily religious, but is a humorous way of reminding us of the materialistic side of the holiday season. PWOC has received permission to provide paper copies of the skit in the travel training resource packets. We do not have permission to put the skit on the internet or on the CD in the resource packet – only for paper copies. If you do not have access to a copy, you may go to the www.lillenasdrama.com website which has downloadable skits for a fee of \$10. Or you may go straight to the downloadable skit at: <http://www.nph.com/nphweb/html/lmol/itempage.jsp?itemId=10269>. You may also obtain the skit by purchasing the book *Tangled in the Tinsel*.

AGENDA: adjust to fit your schedule

1900 Opening song – "O Come All Ye Faithful"

1905 Welcome and short announcements

1910 Skit – "Store Wars" - see attached

1915 Introduction of the evening's theme and verse

1920 Praise and worship service – see attached

1940 Skit – "Light of the World" - see attached

1950 Devotion on Jesus as the Light (lead into candle lighting)

2000 Candle lighting ceremony – have specified ladies pass the light from the candle at the front of the sanctuary so that everyone's candle is lit. Close with prayer and singing "Shine, Jesus, Shine."