

Who are you, Jesus?

Cardboard Candlesticks

Suitable for younger children.

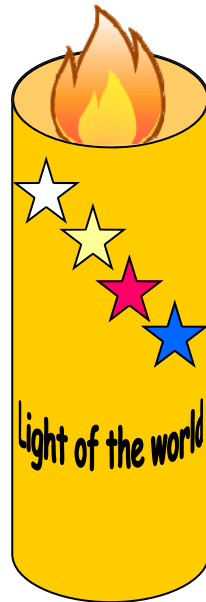
Messy but relatively easy – suitable for younger children to mid-primary. Have plenty of damp rags on hand for wiping sticky fingers. Younger children may need help with the flame.

Materials:

- ◆ cardboard tube (toilet paper roll size) for each child
- ◆ A4 yellow construction paper (or any other colour that you fancy!)
- ◆ flames pre-cut from red or orange paper or use foil wrapping paper (or use foil chocolate wrappers) for a fancier effect
- ◆ scissors
- ◆ sticky tape
- ◆ glue
- ◆ coloured markers
- ◆ stickers (optional)

Date: 13th September, 2009 Reading: **Mark 8: 27–38:**
Who do people say I am?

Jesus is called the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, Prince of Peace. Here are some fun candle crafts to explore the Light of the World theme.



Preparation:

- ◆ Cut out flame shapes with either red or orange construction paper, enough for one-two flames for each child (one large, one smaller to fit inside the larger one). You can also use foil paper or foil chocolate wrappers for a fancier effect.
- ◆ You may want to pre-cut the coloured paper to fit around the cardboard roll, especially for younger children.

Method:

- ◆ Roll the construction paper around the cardboard roll and tape or glue it down.
- ◆ Glue the flame to the inside of the roll so that it stands up out of the hole.
- ◆ Decorate the candle with stickers or write a Bible verse: e.g. John 8: 12:

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

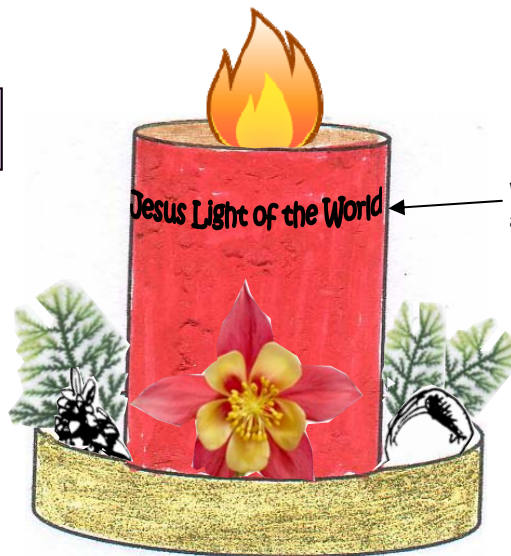
Fancy version:

Materials:

- ◆ cardboard tubes: can be half the size of a toilet roll
- ◆ gold foil wrapping paper (or use foil chocolate wrappers)
- ◆ acrylic paints or coloured paper
- ◆ PVA glue
- ◆ tin lids, gold coloured if possible
- ◆ dried or artificial flowers, gumnuts, ribbon, etc. to decorate

Method:

- ◆ Apply a coat of paint (or two) to the tube, or to save time, use coloured paper and glue it on as above.
- ◆ Cut a flame shape for the candle from a sheet of gold foil wrapping paper. Attach the flame to the candlestick by gluing or taping the lower edge to the inside of the tube. [Metallic chocolate wrappers make interesting 'flames']



Write 'Jesus Light of the World' around the top of the candle.

- ◆ Run a circle of PVA glue the size of the tube inside the lid. Stand the 'candle' in the glue.
- ◆ Add some more glue onto the lid surface around the 'candle'.
- ◆ Decorate around the base of the 'candle' with gumnuts, dried flowers, and other small decorations which sit in the glue.
- ◆ *Optional:* Glue some ribbon or braid around the outside edge of the lid.
- ◆ Allow to dry.