

Question and Prompts

Sunday School

December 2–8

1–3 John; Jude

“God Is Love”

Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ are perfect examples of light and love.

- *begin by writing the words light and love on the board.*
 - *Ask class members to share the first words that come to mind when they think of these two words.*
 - *Read: 1 John 1:5–10; 2:3–11; 3:1–3; 4:7–12; 4:16–21; 5:1–3. (or break into groups)*
 - *What evidence did you find in these verses of God’s light and love?*
 - *What are things we can do to show our love for God and His children?*
 - *Share a time when you felt Heavenly Fathers light and love*
 - *How is spiritual light like physical light?*
 - *Psalm 27:1; John 1:4–5; 1 John 1:5–7; 3 Nephi 11:11; Doctrine and Covenants 88:6–13*
- *share experiences when you sought and received spiritual light in your life.*
 - *Read Statement by Robert D. Hales*
 - *How does this statement help you understand how you could have greater light in your life?*

We must fortify ourselves against false teachings. (additional worksheets and lesson help for this section available)

- *What do we learn from James and John about the apostasy and false teachings in the following verses?*
 - *1 John 2:18–23, 26–28; 4:3; 2 John 1:7–11; 3 John 1:9–11*
- *How do John and Jude define an antichrist?*
- *Is there anything in these verses that seems especially applicable to challenges we face today?*
- *How can we fortify ourselves against false teachings?*
- *What are some of the images that Jude uses to teach about false teachers in Jude 1:12–13*
- *How do these images represent false teachers and antichrists?*
- *What can we do to fortify ourselves against “mockers”?*
- *Why might Jude have suggested that we “have compassion” (Jude 1:22) on those who mock the gospel?*

As we exercise faith in Christ and are born of God, we can overcome the world.

- *Study 1st John 5. What do we learn that will help us overcome the world?*
- *Read Elder Neil L. Andersen's message "overcoming the world"*
- *What do you learn from this story?*
- *Share someone who you know has been an example of how to "overcome the world?"*

Joy comes as we help others "walk in truth."

- *Read together 3 John 1:1-4*
- *What do these scriptures teach us about the source of true joy?*
- *Class members could talk about how they have felt as parents, missionaries, Church leaders, or teachers when they knew that the people they taught were walking in truth.*

Encourage Learning at Home

How can symbols such as dragons, winged beasts, and slain lambs teach us about God's plan for His children? Invite class members to think about this question as they study Revelation over the next few weeks.