



City on the Hill

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REMEMBER

“You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matthew 5:14)

READ

Take a look at 1 Corinthians 12. “Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord” (vv. 4-5). Sound familiar? We may all have different talents and personalities, but guess what: God made us that way! He wants us to work together, using our different gifts to do His work, to further His kingdom, to be the light of the world, a city on the hill that cannot be hidden.

THINK

1. Why do you think the people in the city started turning against each other?
2. Can you think of someone who has turned on you? Who is someone you’ve turned on or someone you don’t like?
3. What does it do for God’s purposes, for His kingdom, when His people don’t get along?
4. What happened when the different groups started to realize the value of the others?
5. How can you be a light to the world?

DO

Find Your Light!

Have you ever seen a bright light shine through a prism and create a rainbow of colors? (Parents, if you have a prism handy, demonstrate this.) When God’s light shines through us, it creates a rainbow variety of gifts and talents – each of them different, but all of them beautiful.

1. Get a sheet of paper, and red, blue, and purple pens or markers.
2. Make three columns on the page: 1) Things I Love to Do, 2) My Talents, and 3) My Light.
3. Under “Things I Love to Do,” list ten things that you love to do. Write these in red.
4. Ask five people to list three of your talents. Write these in blue.
5. Looking at your two lists, draw a line connecting the items that go together. For example, if you love to draw, and someone says that you have an artistic talent, draw a line between the two.
6. Now, under “My Light,” write in purple the things that were connected. If you love to do something and someone else recognizes it as talent, chances are, God is leading you toward your light, the gift that He wants you to share with the world.

Finding your light isn’t a one-time thing. Every day, look for clues and ask for God’s guidance about how He wants to use your gifts for His glory.