

## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*A short skit based on John 1:1-14 The Light of the World*

**Characters hold up – Jesus Light (John), Light Sabre, Candle, Torch, flashlight, Lantern.**

***In middle of stage is a screen. The screen says DARKNESS in big letters on it. The character DARKNESS stands in front. TORCH approaches***

TORCH : Hello ... (*pause*) Darkness, my old friend.

DARKNESS : ... You've come to talk to me - again?

TORCH : ... You're in a very poetic mood today.

DARKNESS : I **am!** I couldn't agree more, I am such a poet! Don't you like the ring of that – it makes a perfect song lyric ... Note to self ... (*thoughtfully & slowly writing it down*) ... Hello Darkness My Old Friend ... I've Come to talk to you again ... I will give that lyric to Simon and Garfunkle – and make them famous overnight. Fame – a great way to tempt people

TORCH : Good to see you are your creative self as ever ... that lyric does have a great ring to it ...

DARKNESS : It does!!! No point wasting that lyric on an ancient Hebrew band ... besides – its need the electric guitar.

TORCH : Oh - so we have to wait a few thousand years to hear it ...

DARKNESS : 'afraid so – but the best things are worth waiting for. So Mr Light – how can I help you today. I see you have bought a ... a ... burning ... burning twig? Really – you think you can light the way and guide people's souls with a little burning twig. How touching!

TORCH : I'm not a burning twig ... I'm a burning flare – I light the way

DARKNESS : Naaaa ... you are just going to burn your fingers ... that is if you haven't already set fire to everything else around you...

TORCH : ... My light will win people's souls

DARKNESS : Haha – not with a burning twig you won't ... remember I got here first. The word darkness appears in the Bible before Light ever did and my exciting temptations and other shenanigans are no match for a burning twig. So I will just put you out (*takes twig*) and pop you in my darkness box.

***Torch goes behind the darkness screen. Lantern come on stage***

DARKNESS : Oh hello, you are something a bit different – what are you? ...

LANTERN : I'm a lantern ...

DARKNESS : What? – did you just say you're the intern ... seriously ... are you guys really trying to defeat darkness with interns!

LANTERN : No, not an Intern, a Lantern ... I'm an oil lantern ... oil ... modern ... I am going to light the way for humanity and defeat your Darkness

DARKNESS : Nice try ... but you are an incredible safety liability – you lanterns explode all the time. You need to save yourselves before you help anyone else.

LANTERN : Let me refer you to the bible, in Peter it says, 'do well to pay attention as to a lantern shining in a dark place ...

DARKNESS : Oooh –you want a Bible-verse-battle? ... I think not ... you are a health and safety issue and I will have to kindly ask you to leave. I know I'm darkness - but even Darkness has to follow Healthy and Safety rules ...

LANTERN : Oh – I see ... sorry, terribly sorry ...

DARKNESS : Mr Oil Lantern - Please don't explode ... perhaps you can have one of those safety updates and come back then ...

*Lantern goes behind the darkness screen. Torch and candle (optional) come on stage*

FLASHLIGHT : Hello – I'm an electrical flashlight.

CANDLE : ... and I'm a Candle ...

DARKNESS : Hello ... good to meet you. Can I help you guys?

FLASHLIGHT : We have come to shine our lights

CANDLE : ... and save humanity from your darkness.

DARKNESS : What! You guys? Save humanity from me and my darkness ... That's very sweet ... but with a battery powered flashlight and a candle be serious. You are good on camping trips and when there's a power cut, but don't get in above your light grade ...

FLASHLIGHT: Darkness – you should be shaking with fear ...

CANDLE : Yeahh shaking and shaking and shaking

DARKNESS : Shaking with laughter more like. Let me be just blow the candle out and remove your batteries and pop you back in the darkness ...

*Candle and Torch go behind the darkness screen. Lightsabre comes on stage*

LIGHT SABRE : Hello Mr Darkness - time to be petrified. I have the ultimate light to beat you ...

DARKNESS : Ohh – my word, look at you ... are you a light sabre? So Cool. I admit – a better effort than burning twigs and candles ... and I am a HUGE Star Wars fan.

LIGHT SABRE : Search your heart Darkness – feel what you know to be right. Join me and turn to the light side.

DARKNESS : oops ... stop right there ... let me remind you I am DARKNESS ... I don't have a heart and I certainly don't do the 'right side' (*fingers like commas*)

LIGHT SABRE : (*trying Jedi mind tricks – say slowly*) COME TO THE LIGHT SIDE ... COME TO THE LIGHT SIDE ...

DARKNESS : ... are you being serious – are you trying Jedi mind tricks on me ... remember light sabers are complicated things ... They go both ways ... light side and dark side ... I think its easy enough to tempt you to the dark side and pop you in here ...

*Light sabre goes behind the screen.*

*Next - John appears on stage and faces the audience*

DARKNESS : Oh hello – you are different ... Are you some sort of futuristic light - some sort of glow in the dark person ... you are not like the other lights at all ...

JOHN : (*facing audience ignoring Darkness*) No – I'm not a light ... I am John and I've come to tell you about a completely new light ... a light like no other ...

DARKNESS : Hello ... Hello ... I am over here ... that's not a light you got there ...who is the guy in the picture?

JOHN : This isn't some guy – its Jesus – The true light that gives light to each and everyone of us.

DARKNESS : Hello... I'm Darkness ... you should be speaking to me ...

JOHN : In Jesus is life, and that life is the light of all mankind. It is up to us to invite Jesus's light into our lives and we will overcome the Darkness.

*The screen turns around and Darkness disappears behind the screen*

DARKNESS : What's happening ... this is unexpected – hang on ... hey! ... this can't be right ...

*... as The screen turns around all the lights reappear from behind the screen. We see front of screen now says LIGHT ...*

DARKNESS : (*from behind screen – loud!*) ... I will be back!

JOHN : He will try and tempt us all ... and to extinguish our lights ... but all who receive Jesus, and who believe in his name, will live in light and become the children of God.

ALL LIGHTS : Amen

THE END

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