

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE ...

Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world." John's gospel affirms that "the light came into the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it."

How might you light candles at home, as part of your family's spiritual practices? Here are some easy ways that will become cherished family traditions:

- Have a candle on the table and light it before you eat together, reminding all that we are gathered around the light of Christ.
- On the anniversary of the death of a beloved, light a special candle, tell stories about the person, remembering that their light still shines brightly in your memories and in your lives.
- Before you read the Bible together (and, yes, that includes a children's Bible), light a candle and read Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Wonder together how the passage you have read is a "light" for your lives.