



## Bonus Activities

Date: July 5

**Bible Passage:** 1 Peter 1–2

(Peter's Letter to the Jewish Christians)

### God is the Holy One

#### Additional activities for younger children:

*You may choose to do these all on Sunday, or spread them out throughout the week, reminding your children what they learned in the past lesson.*

##### Option 1: I am special (craft)

You will help your child write something that makes him stand out from the rest of the world.

##### SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Paints
- marker

##### RELATE

On a piece of paper write “I am special because\_\_\_\_\_” and then work with your child to fill in the blank. Then decorate the paper with paints and hang it up somewhere as a reminder that God calls us to be holy because He is holy. This means God wants us to be different from everyone. We’re each different in our own special way because we’ve been made to be exactly who God created us to be.

##### Option 2: Flashlight scavenger hunt (game)

Children play a game remembering that Jesus taught His followers about being a light shining in the darkness.

##### RELATE

Hide a bunch of objects around a room in your house and then have your child use a flashlight to go and search for what you hid. Ask them to think of a small light in a huge room: It may not necessarily make the entire room light up, but it still pierces the darkness. That’s what God calls us to be because He is the

Holy One and we belong to Him.

### **Option 3: What is different (activity)**

Children will be reminded that God says as followers of Jesus, we should stand out from the rest of the world as they notice differences in this game.

#### **SUPPLIES**

- A tray with 10 objects on it
- A dishcloth

#### **RELATE**

Arrange the objects on the tray and show it to your child then cover it with the dish cloth and either move around the objects or remove a few of them. Then remove the dish cloth and ask your child what is different about the tray now? What is missing? What changed place? Etc.

### **BLESS:: 5 min.**

*Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.*

Gather the children and have them sit in a circle on the floor. Then read the blessing from 1 Peter 2:9:

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Now turn off the ceiling lights and invite the children to hold up their candles (or flashlights) as you pray the following blessing over them.

**May you be holy as God is holy, through the power of His Holy Spirit. May you stand out as lights in the darkness.**

Once you've blessed your children, give them the opportunity to bless one another. Have each child turn to the person on his right and hold his light in front of that person. Then, have him say, "(Child's name), may you shine like a light in the darkness." Then have the child who was just blessed turn to the child on her right and bless that person, and so on. Continue around the circle until each child has been blessed.