

Family Challenge- God's Power is Bigger Than Anything Else

When we focus on what scares us, the things we fear start to seem much bigger than they are. However, when we focus on God's power, we remember that God is light, and He overcomes every darkness. As you make this craft with your family, talk about what things in life seem scary to you right now. Then, after you finish your lantern, turn to Psalm 27 as a family. The first verse says,

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Ask your family these questions:

1. What does this verse mean to you?
2. How does God help us when we're afraid?

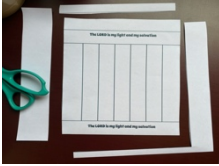
Throughout the week, take note of when you feel afraid. Write down your fears. Yes, even the little ones. Then, look back at Psalm 27:1. In fact, reading the whole Psalm may be helpful to you. See what happens to your fear as you focus on God.

Additional Scripture Passages on Fear:

- *Joshua 1:9*
- *Psalm 23*
- *Romans 8:38-39*
- *2 Timothy 1:7*
- *Romans 8:15*
- *Psalm 91*

"The LORD is my light" Lantern Directions

1. Cut along the outermost edges of the shape



2. Cut off the top, blank strip. This will become the handle of the lantern



3. Fold the "lantern" in half along the vertical edge and turn so that the words will be at the top



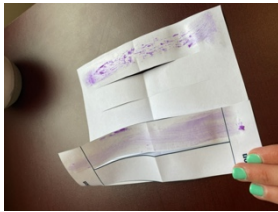
4. Cut along the 7 sections to make slits in the lantern, but **do not** cut through the top or bottom borders (the section with words)



5. Fold the craft so that it takes a cylindrical shape, and words are on the top and bottom



6. Glue the inside of the first strip and the outside of the last strip, and stick them together so that the lantern holds its cylindrical shape



7. Take the separate strip, which is the handle, and fold it so that the edges sit on the inside of the top of the lantern. Either glue or staple it to hold its position



8. If you have a different color of paper available, you can cut it to size, fold and glue it so that it gives the lantern a "glow." Or, take a battery-operated candle and place it inside the lantern for light!



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