

# Candles

1. What is a candle and what does it symbolize?
2. What is a rushlight candle?
3. What does the candle represent for the Holy Spirit?
4. How are candles and light referred to in the Bible? Find and discuss a few references.
5. Make 2 candles: a dip candle and a rolled beeswax candle.
6. What child was raised by a cousin and grew up to become queen?



## Helps

1. The candle symbolizes light in the darkness of life, especially individual life, illumination; it is the symbol of holy illumination of the spirit of truth. John 8:12.
2. A rush candle uses a rush instead of a cotton wick. The rushes are saturated with tallow or wax and a thick coating is formed by successive drippings. They resemble ordinary candles.
3. Throughout church history, certain church traditions included lighting candles to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit within the space. The bouncing, burning light off of the wick can be a reminder to us that although we cannot see Him, the Holy Spirit inhabits believers, igniting a type of fire within us to make His name known.

## 4. Bible Verses

Matthew 5:14-16 “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

John 1:4-5 “In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”

1 John 1:7 “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

John 8:12 “Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

5. Search how to make dip candles. If you choose, you can add crayons for color or fragrance.