

Topic: Jesus in art – Light	Sequence: 1&2/2	School:
Year group: KS2	Teacher:	Date:
<p>Notes on lesson: This is an online lesson that is in 2 parts and includes 2 videos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Video 1 - 'Jesus in art Light part 1' In this theory lesson pupils explore the symbol of light and make links with the way Jesus is portrayed in art. There is a worksheet that goes alongside this lesson. ● Video 2 - 'Jesus in art Light part 2' In this practical lesson pupils make their own art work based on the theme of light, in response to the painting by William Holman Hunt: 'Light of the world'. 		
<p>Learning aim: Pupils will deepen their understanding of the symbol of light in art, making links to Christian belief about Jesus.</p>		
<p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can <u>identify</u> the work of a famous artist who has painted Jesus - I can <u>make links</u> between the symbol of light and the person of Jesus - I can <u>create</u> a piece of art in response to the theme of light 		
<p>Bible passages <i>"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)</i></p>		
<p>Introduction statement: We are a Christian organisation and today we are thinking about the theme of Jesus in art. As part of the lesson you will have the opportunity to discuss the topic and reflect on your own view.</p>		
<p>Starter activity:</p>		
Lesson 1 0 - 40	<p><u>Exploring the symbol of light</u></p> <p>Play video 1 – 'Jesus in art Light part 1' 0:00 – 2:22</p> <p>Hello everyone, my name is Chris, and today we're thinking all about the topic of Jesus in Art.</p> <p>I wonder, have you ever been to the national gallery in Trafalgar Square, in London?</p> <p>Roughly one third of all the paintings in the National Gallery are about Jesus and the Christian faith. That's a lot, and it tells me that Jesus must be a pretty important person if so many people want to paint him.</p> <p>Today we are going to be thinking particularly about this word: 'Light', and why artists use light as a symbol when they make art work about Jesus. And so, by the end of this video you'll be able to make links between the symbol of light and the person of Jesus.</p> <p>Now here's one very obvious reason why light is a very common symbol in art work about Jesus. This is what Jesus said about himself:</p> <p><i>"I am the light of the world."</i></p> <p>So Jesus talked about himself as 'the light.' Now does that mean that Jesus was a bit like a light bulb, if he walked into a room you had to put your sunglasses on.</p> <p>To help us, we're going to think about the purpose of light, what we use light for.</p> <p>Have a look at these pictures of lights, and write down or discuss the purpose of each one</p> <p>1) A torch</p>	

- 2) A lighthouse
- 3) The sun
- 4) A candle

(Pause video – pupils fill in worksheet)

Main activity:

Making links between the symbol of light and the person of Jesus

Play video 1
2:22 – 2:52

In the bible Jesus said:

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Jesus describes himself as light. Which of these pictures best represents Jesus as light? Explain why you have chosen that picture?

(Pause video – pupils fill in worksheet)

Play video 1
2:52 – 3:17

Painting by William Holman Hunt.

- **What do you think is going on?**
- **What words would you use to describe this painting?**
Dark, scary, hopeful
- **How does this painting make you feel?**

(Pause video – pupils fill in worksheet)

Play video 1
3:17 – 5:52

The artist is using light to show us something important about Jesus. We’re going to think about what this is.

Holman Hunt said he’s been inspired by this verse in the bible:

“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path,” (Psalm 119:105)

If Holman Hunt was to pick one of our pictures I think he would choose the **lighthouse**. The purpose of a lighthouse is to guide ships to safety as they travel in the dark. A lighthouse is a warning and a guide. So in the picture Jesus is in the darkness and the lamp is showing the way. Christians believe that Jesus is a guide. In a world of darkness, he tells us how to live and guides us along the right path in life. Christians follow Jesus by listening to, and following what he says in the bible.

So Jesus is like a lighthouse, but the bible also teaches that Jesus is a bit like **a torch**. Like this one, being used to read a story at night time. The torch reveals things. And the bible teaches that Jesus reveals things that we can’t see. Christians believe that Jesus reveals what God is like and what we’re like, and how we can know God. He reveals things that are in the dark.

	<p>And finally Jesus is like the sun, because he gives life. Without the light of the sun, we wouldn't last very long would we. Jesus describes himself as the 'light of life'. The bible teaches that through him all things were made, and amazingly, even when we die, if we follow Jesus, we will continue living with him forever. And that is why Christians believe Jesus is an amazing source of hope.</p> <p>And so there we have different ways that light teaches us something important about Jesus. And that's why lots of artists use light as a symbol to show Jesus.</p> <p>(Pupils complete worksheet)</p>	
Response/Reflection activity:		
Lesson 2 0 - 40	<p><u>Creative activity – Creating a piece of art on the theme of light</u></p> <p>Play video 2 – 'Jesus in art Light part 2' 0:00 – 7:52</p> <p>Pupils create their own 'Light of the world' picture.</p>	
Plenary:		
	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>A selection of pupils are asked to talk about their work. Pupils look at each other's work and discuss WWW and EBI. Pupils re-visit Learning Objectives and answer questions related to what they have learnt.</p>	
Closing statement:		
<p>We are a Christian organisation and today we have looked at the topic of Jesus' in art. We hope you have enjoyed the lesson and the opportunity to discuss the topic, as well as reflect on your own views.</p> <p>Thank you to all those who have shared their views, asked and answered questions.</p>		
Extended learning/Homework:		Anticipated questions
Date set:	Due in:	
<p>Resources: Video 1 & 2 Worksheets Black card Scissors Rulers Pencils Oil Pastels or crayons</p>		Additional information about the class: