Learn by Doing

Choice

Turn to the Sun!

We can turn to the Lord, just as the earth turns toward the sun each day. Children will face outward and hold hands in a circle. The circle will turn slowly, representing the earth's movement. A full turn represents one day. One child stands outside the circle holding a flashlight, representing the sun. Children say "hello" to the sun each time they pass it.

1. What is big, bright and very hot? It is at the center of our solar system and it does not move! (The sun.)

2. We are going to do a play about the sun and the earth. Who would like to be the sun? (Choose a volunteer.) Your job is to stand still and shine the flashlight on everyone! Show the child a spot to stand.

3. Everyone else will be the earth! We will hold hands and get into a big round circle—just like the earth. We are going to face outward so we can see the sun. Help everyone connect hands and make a circle.
4. Which moves—the earth or the sun? (The earth!) Yes, the earth will move around the sun. Let's take small steps to the side and move around in a circle.
5. Keep your eyes looking right in front of you. When you see the sun shining *on your face* say, "Hello sun!"
6. See how the sun shines on you as you turn toward it! Each time you see the sun is like one day. When you go away from the sun it is like when the sun goes down and it gets dark at night.
7. Offer children turns to be the sun.
8. Does the sun shine all the time—or only when we see it? Just as the sun shines all the time, the Lord sends us His love and light all the time! We especially feel His warmth and love when we turn to Him by doing what He asks us to in His Word.



Materials Needed

working flashlight, open space

New Church Concept

The sun is a sign of love to the Lord, because the Lord appears before the angels in the heavens as a sun, and His appearance as a sun is from the Divine love (*Apocalypse Explained* 981).

The moon the truth that comes from faith, because the moon is bright white from the light from the sun (*Apocalypse Explained* 401).

Stars stand for goodness and truth (*Secrets of Heaven* 1808).

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