PARENT GUIDE

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

I Am the Resurrection and the Life: Read Mark 16:1-8, talk about the different ways Jesus gives your family life, draw pictures of Jesus resurrecting from the grave

I Am the Light of the World: Investigate and observe how a light bulb works, talk about why your family thinks Jesus called Himself the *Light of the World*, light a candle in your home and turn off all the lights to see how a little light can illuminate a large space

I Am the Vine: Find a plant in your house or yard and read John 15:5-11 (point out how Jesus is like the vine or stem), make a vine and leaves out of construction paper or modeling clay.

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