



Christmas Lights

written by KAILA DOUGLASS from "The Sunshine Scatterer"

If Jesus (hrist decorated For the (hristmas season Would he celebrate a holiday For which He is the reason?

Would He string up garlands, pick poinsettias

Arrange nativities,

Hang stockings, snowflakes, mistletoe

For the festivities?

I think He'd have all that and more, He'd have a bushy (hristmas tree And on its boughs He'd hang bright lights To remind others to be as He.

Christ said to us, "Ye are the Light of the World"

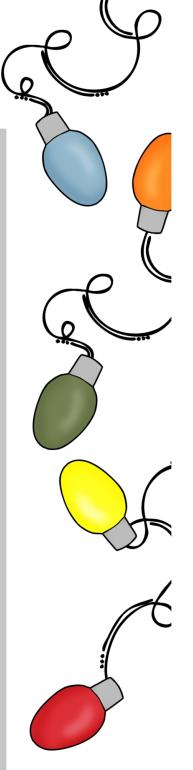
And as our Master Electrician

He can provide the Atoning power

To bring our lights to fruition.

When we feel burnt out, He holds the tools
That can fix our broken currents
So that the other broken, burnt out bulbs
(an shine again with our assurance.

So this (hristmas, let (hrist be Our power source in dark nights And let heaven decorate its halls With us as (hristmas lights.



AN INVITATION TO

Reflect on Your Light

This Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we invite you to "brighten your light" from within. This journal is a way to reflect on God's word found in the scriptures and ponder ways you can draw on "His Light" so that you can carry that light with you as you serve others throughout 7018.

This booklet was created by Melia along with her two nieces, Kaila who will be in the MTC during (hristmas and Maija who is 16. Our hearts pondered on ways to help you become the Light by reflecting (hrist's Light towards His children.

May your feelings towards the Savior increase as you take time everyday to read, ponder and write the inspiration that will come as you prayerfully decide to choose "His" light to share this (hristmas and everyday thereafter.

Merry Christmas

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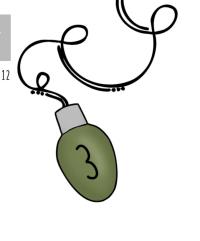
MATTHEW 10:8 What gifts and talents has Heavenly Father given to you? Make a list and record ways that you can use your talents and gifts to bless others.

MATTHEW 25:35

Jesus Christ is the living water. How can you focus on the Savior's gift of himself and recognize that your cup runneth over when you can feel like your cup is half empty? In what ways can you fill your cup with living water?

MATTHEW 12:12

How does keeping the Sabbath day bless your life? When did you gain a testimony of keeping the Sabbath day holy?



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MATTHEW 22:39

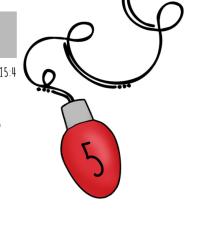
How can you love your neighbor as you do yourself, family and close friends? Ponder on a time when someone showed that kind of love to you or someone you know.



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MATTHEW 15:4

What meaningful advice have your received from your parents? Any stories they have shared that have helped you in your life?



"Judge not, that we be not judged

MATTHEW 7:1

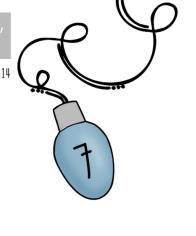
(an you think of a time in your life where you misjudged someone? How can following the Savior's commandment to not judge help you to be kinder and not judge those that you live with?



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MARK 10:14

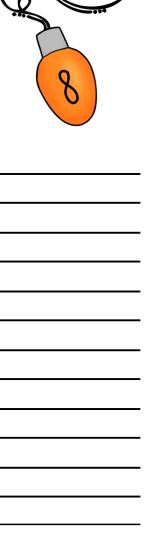
What are some characteristics of the children in your life? Think of your own childhood and remember a time when you exhibited those qualities.



'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you"

MATTHEW 5:44

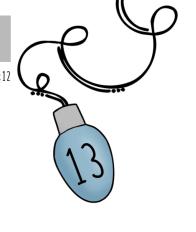
It is not always easy to love others when they are unkind to us. When have you showed kindness to someone that hurt or offended you? How can you love them?



"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"

MATTHEW 7:12

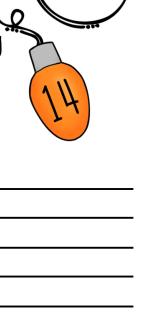
Make a list of all the qualities you would want in a friend. Pick one or two qualities and write down some steps on how to become that friend yourself.



"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

MATTHEW 6:21

As you forsake the world by serving others, your heart will change. In what ways can you serve others in small ways each day?



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"Blessed are the merciful"

MATTHEW 5:7

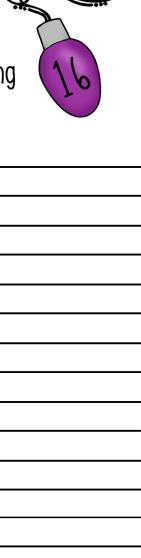
Mercy is the spirit of compassion, tenderness, and forgiveness. Describe a time when God showed you mercy. How can that experience help you extend mercy towards others?



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MATTHEW 5:36

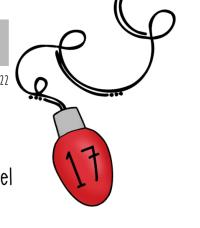
Why is modesty so important? In what ways does your clothing reflect your inner self?



"Ye shall meet together oft"

3 NEPH 18:22

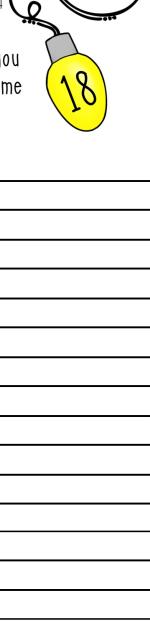
Why is it important to counsel with others? When have you experienced a time where you gave and received counsel where all were uplifted and edified?



"Forgive men their trespasses

MATTHEW 6:14

Do you have any resentment or anger towards someone? Ponder on ways that you can use the Atonement of Christ to overcome those feelings. Write down your plan to forgive that person.

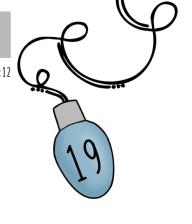


"Rejoice, and be exceeding glad."

MATTHEW 5:12

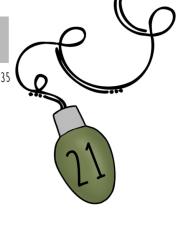
What was your most memorable day? Using the word Grateful, list one word per letter to describe those things that bring you joy.

Memorable Day Experience:



of the things which he possesseth."
How can living with less help you have a more abundant life? In what ways was the Savior able to have a full life without physical possessions?

How can you overcome spiritual hunger? How does fasting help you focus on the Savior? Describe a time when you fasted with a purpose.



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3 NEPHI 27:21

What Christ-like characteristics would you like to develop in yourself? Develop a plan to help yourself develop those characteristics



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"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16

As you reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ today, write down your thoughts about what his birth means to you.

