

NIGHT

Brainstorm everything you know about darkness/night.

Where are the darkest places on earth?

How does the world change when it is dark/night?

Can you think of any books, fairy-tales, myths, or movies that use darkness & light or day & night to set the mood of a storyline?

How do you feel differently in the day and the night?

List as many Bible stories as you can recall that deliberately feature night/darkness.

Read this selection of verses and ponder God's use of the theme:

Genesis 1:1-5

Exodus 10:21-22

Job 10:21-22, 24:14-16

John 3:19-20

Acts 13:10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

1 John 2:11

Read the following verses:
Revelation 21:22-27, 22:1-5

Why do you think there will be no more night in the new creation?

Explore the Hebrew word for darkness:

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Take some time to reflect on all you've learned.
How does night/darkness illustrate god's living story?
Have you made any new discoveries?

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How does the night illustrate God's living story? Reflect on all you're learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- Imagine the darkest place you can think of. Try to describe it.
- Why you think God intentionally created us to sleep when it is dark outside? What was he trying to tell us?
- Have you ever "felt" darkness?
- How does God use the themes of darkness & light both literally and figuratively in creation?
- God separated the day from night, making half of time dark and half of time day. Why do you think He wanted there to be such an obvious contrast between them?
- What special events, occupations, and spiritual disciplines tend to happen most frequently at night in the Bible?
- Why does it make sense that "night" will not be in the new creation? (Rev 21:25)