



Virtual Light Party

CREATIVE FAMILY OUTREACH

PARTNERSHIP PACK



Hello!

Here at the Zephaniah Trust, you can usually find us using creative means - music, storytelling, art and games - to take light into dark corners in schools and communities throughout our city of Bradford and beyond.

This year has been testing for all of us and we've had to find new ways of doing things - including taking much of our usual work online. In October, we would normally throw a Light Party for children and families who don't want to take part in Halloween activities such as trick-or-treat - and this year is no different.

As we take our Light Party online, this presents brand new opportunities to work with churches anywhere and support you in adapting your family outreach to these strange times. In the pages that follow, you will find ideas for using our online resources to connect with your families.

We hope it's useful!

John, Julie, Julia, Yvonne & Jenny

The Zephaniah Team



What is it?

The Virtual Light Party is an online video of material put together by the Zephaniah Staff and volunteers, exploring the theme of shining our light in dark times and how - together - we can shine more brightly than we can on our own.

Featuring songs (with actions) by John Froud, craft with Julia Leech, fun and games with Yvonne Froud, an original story with Julie Wilkinson, and more.

The video will appear on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/zephstoryteller) and Facebook page (facebook.com/zephaniahmusictrust) at 5.30pm on Saturday 31st October.

To get an idea of what it will be like, take a look at our virtual holiday club sessions from the summer - [TaleSpin Virtual Holiday Club](#).

How can we use it?

PRIOR TO THE EVENT:

- Get in touch with your families and invite them to watch the Light Party with you at a specified date and time. The natural time to do this is at 5.30pm on Saturday 31st October when the video goes live, but you could choose any time/date after this.
- You could use a video calling app with shared screen function or set up a WhatsApp group to exchange messages and photos while you watch together - you will either need to share details of this or share the link to either our YouTube channel or our Facebook page.
- You could distribute Light Party event packs beforehand, including craft resources, a copy of the accompanying story booklet, glowsticks or tealights, sweets - whatever you want to include. Make sure anything you distribute is shared in a COVID-secure way!

What can Zephaniah provide?

In addition to the online Light Party video, we can send you:

- A digital flyer for the Light Party which you can either distribute online (by email, on social media etc) or print and pop into family resource packs prior to the event.
- A digital copy of the story booklet telling *The Kingdom of Light*, an original story by our storyteller Julie Wilkinson inspired by Matthew 5: 14-16, which you can print and give to each family.
- A list of craft resources, either for you to distribute in family resource packs or to let your families know what they will need beforehand.

To access these additional resources, email Jenny on office@zephaniah.org.uk to register your interest!

Get in touch!



Contact us on the details below to let us know of your plans or ask for further details.

There is no charge for using our Virtual Light Party resources but if you would like to make a voluntary donation towards our work taking light into dark corners in Bradford and beyond, you can do so via our online donation page at [Virgin Money Giving](#).

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Looking for Christmas resources?



Sparks of Hope: The Christmas Resource is a collection of original all-age nativity scripts and stories by Julie Wilkinson, all tried-and-tested in real settings.

Available now on our website for £10 with - for 2020 - accompanying free guidance for using the material to share God's story in a pandemic. Find out more - including sample pages - on the link below.

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