



# Lamps 'R' Us

Theme: God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Synopsis: A man goes into a store to buy a Bible lamp. He wants to make sure that the lamps they sell will work in all of life's situations.

Characters: Anne - a salesperson - eager to help  
Mark - well-meaning, but melodramatic

Props: telephone, table, Bibles of all sizes and versions, 2 Band-Aids,  
a cloth, a pocket New Testament, a bag

*The scene opens with Anne on the phone. The table is piled with Bibles. Mark enters and waits patiently. The two Band-Aids should be placed across his nose like an X.*

Anne : *(Phone ringing)* Lamps 'R' Us - we light up your life! Can I help you?  
*(Pause)* We're open until 5:30 pm. *(Pause)* You're welcome, goodbye.  
*(Looks up at Mark)* Can I help you, sir?

Mark: Yes, I'm looking for a good light. It seems like the world is getting darker and darker, and I've been having trouble finding my way. *(Points to his nose)* I keep walking into trees, buildings and stuff like that.

Anne: I'm sure I can help you. We have many quality lamps here at Lamps 'R' Us.

Mark: What brand names do you carry?

Anne: Oh, we only carry one brand because we've found that we couldn't guarantee the quality of the other brands. Their lights kept dying out. *(Shakes her head)* You don't want an unreliable light, do you? *(Picks up a Bible and begins to clean it with a cloth.)*

Mark: *(Shudders at the thought)* No ma'am! What brand do you carry then?





Anne: We carry the Bible lamp. It's been a lamp to people and a light for their paths for hundreds of years. It's got a proven track record - it's shone in the dark for a long time.

Mark: (*Firmly*) That sounds like the kind of light I'm looking for. I need a light that's big enough to help me see where I'm going when the storm clouds of life make it dark and treacherous out there. What sizes do you have?

Anne: Well, as you can see, they come in all sizes. But you should know that all of our lamps throw the same amount of light, regardless of size.

Mark: (*Picking up the pocket New Testament*) Even the little pocket size?

Anne: Any size can blind you with its light if you're not careful.

Mark: Can your lamps throw light into the deepest, blackest pit of despair?

Anne: They can.

Mark: (*Increasingly intense*) When this life threatens to overwhelm me, when the pain gets too much to bear, when all that I've worked for turns to ashes, will your lamps still shine?

Anne: Guaranteed!

Mark: (*Quickly*) When persistent, persnickety people purposely exert peer pressure, proposing perplexing, pernicious plans, **will these lamps clearly show me which way to go?**

Anne: Undoubtedly!

Mark: (*With great emotion*) When the woman I've loved . . .

Anne: (*Patience wearing thin*) Listen, are you going to buy a lamp or not?

Mark: (*Clears his throat and returns to a normal tone of voice*) Yes, please. I'll take two. One pocket size and one full size. (*To himself as she bags the Bibles*) It feels good to know that as I travel the highways and byways of life, I'll finally have a good and dependable light.

Inspiration



Anne: *(As she bags the Bibles)* I think you'll find that whatever you encounter in life, one of our Bible lamps will shed light on the issue and show you which way to go. Here you are, sir.

Mark: Thank you very much. I can't wait to try it out. *(Turns to leave)*

Anne: If you don't mind me asking, sir, what do you do for a living?

Mark: I write soap operas. I used to write for "The Edge of Darkness," but now I write for "Guiding Light." *(Walks off the stage)*

Anne: *(picks up the phone)* Lamps 'R' Us - we light up your life! Can I help you?

