

Gather your family in a dimly lit room around a lamp, unplugged and turned off. Ask a child to turn it on. Ask them to tell why it didn't work to make the room light. Turn the lamp back to the off position. Explain that your house has a constant source of power available. Point out that to get something that runs on electricity to work, we simply need to make sure it's plugged into the power source and turned on. Plug the lamp in. Ask a child to turn the lamp on. In the now-lit room, ask older children to explain how we are like the lamp. Fill in the gaps for them. Or connect the dots for younger children and point out that we are like the lamp: Christians run on a special kind of power – the power of the Holy Spirit. If we are to work, we need to be “plugged into” our power source, and then turned on doing what God's word tells us to do. Like the lamp that's unplugged, if we are just “turned on” at the switch, trying to live on our own according to God's word, we can't shine. We won't work without the power.