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**Shubh Diwali**
by Chitra Soundar

**Winter Candle**
by Jeron A. Frame

**The Shortest Day**
by Susan Cooper

**Windows**
by Julia Denos

**The House in the Night**
by Susan Marie Swanson

**Night Light**
by Nicholas Blechman

**Flashlight Night**
by Matt F. Esenwine

**Night Lights**
by Susan Gal

**Christmas Lights**
by Ann Fearrington

**Polar Bear Night**
by Lauren Thompson

**While The Bear Sleeps** *(non-fic)*
by Caitlin Matthews

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**Dear Caregivers:**

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**LIGHT AND DARK**

**LETTER OF THE DAY**

**BOOKS TO SHARE**

**FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS**

**Here's a Little Candle**

*Tune: “I'm a Little Teapot”*

Here’s a little candle dressed in white,
Wearing a hat of yellow light.
When the night is dark, then you will see
Just how bright this light can be.
Here’s a little candle straight and tall,
Shining its light upon us all.
When the night is dark, then you will see
Just how bright this light can be!

**Candle, Candle** *(action rhyme)*

Candle, candle burning bright, *[ASL sign for 'candle']*
lighting up the darkest night.
Thank you for your shining light,
but with one puff, you’re out of sight. *[blow on the fingers representing the flames and curl them into a fist to show the candle going out]*

**Jack Be Nimble** *(English nursery rhyme)*

Jack be nimble,
Jack be quick,
Jack jump over
The candlestick

*Tip: If you are using this rhyme with a baby, you can bounce to the rhythm and then lift up on 'jump over the candlestick.'*

**ASL SIGN OF THE DAY**

"Light"

**"Dark"**
Five Little Candles [fingerplay]

Five little candles
Wish there were more
Blow one out \[blow quickly\]
Then there are four
Four little candles
Pretty as can be!
Blow one out \[blow quickly\]
Then there are three.
Three little candles
Shining bright for you
Blow one out \[blow quickly\]
Then there are two
Two little candles, almost done,
Blow one out \[blow quickly\]
Then there was one
One little candle
Standing all alone,
Quick! Make a wish before the candle is blown!

You can make this rhyme specific to holiday celebrations by changing the number of candles and substituting the word 'little' for the name of the holiday (example -- 'eight Hanukkah candles').

10 Little Lights [fingerplay]
[count on fingers as you say the rhyme]

1 little, 2 little, 3 little lights,
4 little, 5 little, 6 little lights,
7 little, 8 little, 9 little lights,
and one more makes ten!

"Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles (1969)

Lights and candles have played an important role in celebrations for many cultures throughout history. During Fall and Winter, many families celebrate holidays of light like Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Diwali, and Yule.

Check out an early-reader non-fiction book about one of these holidays to read together with your child!

Make a list with your child of where we see/get light (example -- sun, fire, stars, etc.).