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ACTIVITY

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Theme: On our own, we have no power to trust in God and receive His blessings, but the Holy Spirit enlightens us through the Gospel.

Materials: Flashlight, Bible, batteries labeled *Word* and *Sacraments*

Procedure: (20 minutes)

Before class, cover any windows that may permit light to enter the room. Hand the flashlight (with batteries removed) to one of the students, turn off the lights in the room, and ask the student to find and read 1 Corinthians 2:14. When the flashlight doesn't work, ask, **Why can't [he or she] find and read the Bible passage? What does [he or she] need?** Let students respond. Turn the lights back on and explain, **Without God at work in our hearts through His Word and Sacraments, we are like this powerless flashlight. We can't do anything by our own reason or strength. We can't believe in Christ or understand His Word.** Now take the two batteries labeled *Word* and *Sacraments* and insert them into the flashlight. Say, **When the Holy Spirit works in our lives through God's Word and Sacraments, He changes us. He enlightens us with His gifts and transforms us.** Hand the flashlight to one of the students, turn the lights off again, and ask the student to use the flashlight to read 1 Corinthians 2:14. Comment that as the Spirit enlightens us, we come to know God and His grace and truth.