



WEEK
ONE
APRIL 2024

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



3. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Let Your Light Shine" and "Shine Sticker" Activity Pages, cardstock, Avery® Labels #6450 or equivalent, and washable markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Let Your Light Shine" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Shine Stickers" on label paper, four stickers per child. Place the papers, markers, and Shine stickers on the table. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to look at each set of pictures and ask them to identify the picture that shows an example of a child doing what Jesus said. Ask children to color the shining light picture and place a shine sticker on it. Repeat with the remaining pairs of images.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come find a spot at the table!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at the paper in front of you and put your fingers on the first two pictures. (Pause.) I see friends with their backs turned, and I see two friends hugging each other. Which picture shows someone doing what Jesus said and letting their light shine? (Pause.) Yes, being kind and hugging a friend is doing what Jesus said! Let's color that picture and place this special shine sticker at the top! (Pause.) Good job!"

"Put your fingers on the next two pictures. (Continue with each set of pictures: playing with others, two friends sharing a toy, and helping by giving a bandage to a sibling with a skinned knee)

"Look at all these examples of letting your light shine! When we help, when we share, we are doing what Jesus says!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "When we do what Jesus says, we shine our light to show the world that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to let my light shine.

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD
MATTHEW 5:1-2, 14-16**

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can do what Jesus says?

BOTTOM LINE

I can do what Jesus says.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BIBLE STORY

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Now it's time to start learning a new Bible verse. In this Bible verse, Jesus says, 'Let *(move flat hands forward from hip)* your light *(palms facing forward)* shine,' *(twinkling hands moving out)* Matthew 5:16. *(Open hands like a book.)* Stand up with me and let's say Jesus' words together! Just say what I say and do what I do. 'Let *(move flat hands forward from hip)* your light *(palms facing forward)* shine,' *(twinkling hands moving out)* Matthew 5:16. *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Wow! *(Clap.)* You sound so good! I love saying Jesus' words together! Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Open journal.)* Today, we are going to make a list of places where we can shine our light. And since Jesus said we are the light of the WORLD, we can shine everywhere in the world! When I say your name, tell me one place you can shine, and I will write it in our journal. *(Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

MEMORY VERSE

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "This is such a great list! Let's use it when we pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)* Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the light of the world. Help us do what Jesus says so we can let our light shine too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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