



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



4. LIGHT UP THE WORLD

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape and flashlight

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Create a simple, large outline of the world on the floor using tape.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is the Light of the World.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT
JOHN 1:4-5, 8:12, 9:5

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to jump inside the world, and act out different ways to show love. When you see the children showing love, shine the flashlight on them. Then, encourage all the children to lift their hands in the air, twinkle their fingers, and say, **"I can love like Jesus."**

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Look at the world on the floor! Let's gather around it together and play a game."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, when I say, 'Bright light!' I want you to jump in the world. Ready? One, two, three, BRIGHT LIGHT! (Pause.) Super-duper! Today, we learned that God sent Jesus to be the Light of the World who shows us how God loves people and how we can love people too. Let's walk around inside the world. (Pause.) Okay, freeze! Show me what it looks like to ask a friend to play. (Shine the flashlight at the children who are acting it out. Be careful not to shine the light in their faces.) Look! Our friends [child's names] are loving like Jesus! See the light?"

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

"Everyone, put your hands above your head and twinkle your fingers. (Pause.) Shout it out: **'I can love like Jesus.' I can love like Jesus.** Great job! Put your hands down. (Repeat with as many of the kids who are acting it out.) Okay, walk around the world again. (Pause.) And freeze! (Continue saying different ways to show love: hug a sad friend, share your toys, say 'please' and 'thank you,' draw a picture for someone who is sick, forgive someone for knocking over your block tower, etc.) Wow! That was amazing watching you love like Jesus!"

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "When Jesus helped people, He was a bright light showing us how God helps people. When Jesus forgave people, He was a bright light showing us how God forgives people. And when Jesus loved people, He was a bright light showing us how God loves people and how we can love people too."

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus."



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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

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is the
Light of the World.

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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Open journal.) Who shows us how to love? (Give examples as needed, such as Jesus, parents, aunts, teachers, etc. Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

MEMORY VERSE

"You are the
light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at all these people we wrote down! (Hold up journal.) Jesus is the Light of the World, and we can all be bright lights like the people in our list. 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 to show everyone in the world how to love like Him. Thank you for the people who are bright lights to us like (read the list the children made). Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Light Please help (say each child's name) love like Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

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