



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

We can share the light of Jesus with everyone, everywhere.

OBJECTIVE:

Preschoolers will learn that “I can shine my light to everyone.”

KEY PASSAGE:

Acts 1:6-11, Jesus Goes Up to Heaven

MEMORY VERSE:

“Let your light shine so others can see it.” Matthew 5:16b (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

After Jesus came to be the Light, He had to go back to Heaven. He told His friends to share His Light with everyone, everywhere.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to shine our light to everyone.

Amen



MEMORY VERSE

“Let your light shine so others can see it.” Matthew 5:16b (NirV)

LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Review the verse using the hand motions. “Let your light” (Hold hands together like prayer hands.) “Shine.” (Point both hands to the sky.) “So others can see it.” (Put hands up to eyes like goggles.)

SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Have kids say the verse with you, first quietly, then in a medium voice, and finally a loud voice. Remind them that Jesus wants us to share the Light with everyone we meet.



SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: Sharing the Light

ITEMS NEEDED: yellow dot stickers

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

CHARACTERS: Ella and Henry

Ella is sitting down with a sheet of yellow dot stickers in her hands. Henry walks into the room later.

ELLA: Putting yellow stickers all over herself. One here, one there, one on my leg, one on my arm, one on my head...

Henry walks into the room.

ELLA: Starts putting stickers on Henry. One for you, two for you, three for you...

HENRY: Well hello to you, too, Ella!

ELLA: Oh, hi Henry.

HENRY: Ella, what in the world are you doing?

ELLA: I'm sharing.

HENRY: You're sharing stickers?

ELLA: These aren't just any stickers. They're light stickers.

HENRY: They don't look like lights to me. They look like yellow dots.

ELLA: They are yellow dots, silly. But they remind me of little lights.

HENRY: Oh, I get it!

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

ELLA: Remember how we have been learning about how Jesus is the big light and we are the little lights?

HENRY: Yes, I remember.

ELLA: Well, as the little lights, we are supposed to share our light. So, I'm sharing these yellow dot stickers.

HENRY: But it looks like you've only been sharing them with yourself.

ELLA: And with you!

HENRY: I bet we can find some other friends to share with.

ELLA: Like our preschool friends?

HENRY: Yes.

ELLA: Will you help me?

HENRY: Of course, let's go share and shine our lights together.

They walk out together.



SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED: snack of your choice

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: “Today’s snack is (insert snack). Please let your child’s teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack.”

CONNECTION: Say, “I am going to share a snack with you today. Sharing is good. We can share snacks and toys, but the best thing to share is our light for Jesus.”



CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED: Glow sticks (1 per child), 'I can shine my light to everyone' template, hole puncher, crayons

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Copy and cut template card so you have one for each child. Hole punch the top and bottom of the cards so they can easily slide onto a glow stick

DIRECTIONS: Give each child a 'I can shine my light to everyone' card. Have them color the words. When finished, attach the card to a glow stick. Show them an example and break the glow stick so it lights up. Tell them they can take their glow stick home as a reminder that they can shine their light to everyone they meet.



HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED: Sensory bins of rice or beans, Small toy people such as Little People or Lego figures

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Prepare the sensory bins by filling rice or beans into totes. Hide the figures in the totes.

DIRECTIONS:

Have kids sit in front of you. Show them that in the sensory bins, there is something hiding. They are people. Remind them that Jesus told us to share his love and light with everyone we meet. Have them take turns finding and pulling out a toy person. Say, “Jesus wants us to share the light with this person.” Repeat until all children have had a turn.



MAIN LESSON

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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with. “This Little Light of Mine” would be an appropriate song for this lesson.

LESSON:

Our story today is from the Bible. This is God’s Word, and everything in it is true. *(Hold up a Bible.)* God wants us to obey His words in the Bible. *(Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)*

Today we are learning about how we can shine our light to everyone. We have learned that Jesus came to be the Light of the World. He is the big light. When we shine for Him, we are little lights.

Jesus couldn’t stay on the earth forever. He had to go back up to Heaven to be with God. When that day came, His friends gathered around Him. They were worried about what they would do once He was gone. Jesus gave them some instructions. He told them He would come back one day, but until then, they needed to keep shining their light.

Jesus told His friends to shine their light and tell everyone about His love. Jesus’ love was not to be kept a secret. His friends were to go out and share it with everyone they met, wher-ever they traveled.

Jesus’ instructions are for us, too. We don’t want to keep this special news to ourselves. We can shine our lights and tell everyone, everywhere about Jesus! Do you have neighbors? Do you have people in your family? How about kids you go to preschool with? All those people need to see your light.

MAIN LESSON

I can shine my light to everyone. Say those words with me, "I can shine my light to everyone."

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to shine our light to everyone.

Amen



MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Have children sit in a circle with you. Tell kids that you are going to shine your light and share the good news of Jesus with certain groups. They should stand up if you call out their group. Say, “I can shine my light to all the boys.” All boys should stand up, then sit down. Repeat this process by calling out other groups such as: all girls, kids wearing socks, kids with black hair, etc. End by saying, “I can shine my light to everyone!”

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Have kids say the verse with you, first quiet-ly, then in a medium voice, and finally a loud voice. Remind them that Jesus wants us to share the Light with everyone we meet.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Where did Jesus go?

What did Jesus tell His friends to do?

Who should we tell about the good news of Jesus?

Why should we tell others about Jesus?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY: Play a simple game of Telephone. Have kids sit spaced out, in a line. Whisper to the first child, “Jesus loves you.” Have them whisper to the next child, and so on, down the line. The last child should say the words out loud. Remind kids that Jesus wants us to shine our light to everyone. This means telling them that Jesus loves them.



MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

This Little Light Lesson 3

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: SHINE EVERYTHING



IN THE CAR:

As you drive, point out some signs along the road. Tell your child that signs give us messages. The most important message we can give to others is to tell them Jesus loves them.



HANGING OUT:

Shine the light of Jesus by coloring a picture with your child. Help them to deliver it to someone in your neighborhood.



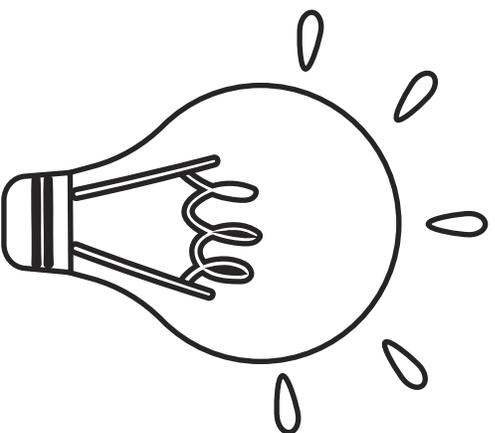
AT DINNER:

Before you eat your meals, pray together, asking Jesus to help you be a light to those you meet this week.

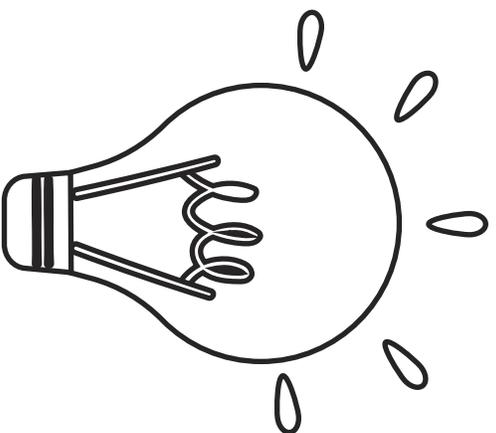


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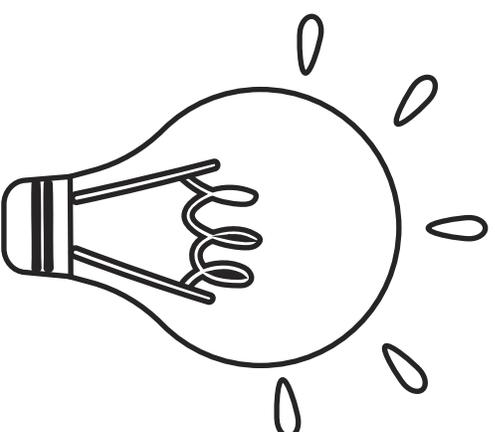
Cuddle up with your little ones and tell them how much you love them. Tell them you have a special message for them. Whisper to them, "Jesus loves you."



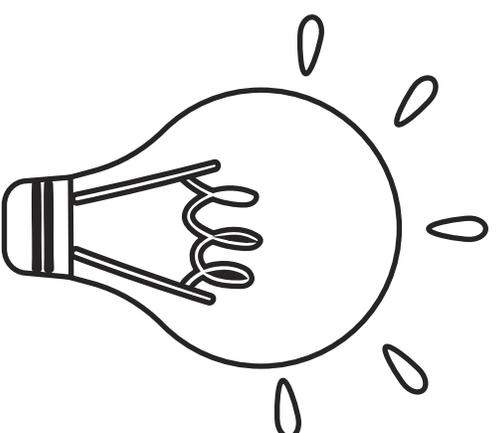
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