



Let Your Light Shine

Lesson Aim: To be the light of the world.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Teaches

THE WORD

Bible Story: Matthew 5:14-16

What He has done: Jesus taught that we should not hide our light.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Let your light shine."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior." Psalm 25:5

Unit 6: The King Who Teaches—Parables 2			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
28	The Rich Fool, Luke 12:15-21	Jesus taught about a rich man who stored up things for himself.	To know God wants us to be generous.
29	Let Your Light Shine, Matthew 5:14-16	Jesus taught that we should not hide our light.	To be the light of the world.
30	Do Not Worry, Matthew 6:25-34	Jesus taught that He takes care of the birds and the flowers.	To know God takes care of everything.
31	The Lost Son, Luke 15:11-24	Jesus taught about a father who welcomed his lost son home.	To know God welcomes us.
32	The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37	Jesus taught about a man who was a good neighbor.	To show kindness to others.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Hebrews 13:20-21. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for trusting us to do Your work. Fill the children with Your Spirit that they might faithfully and boldly serve You as a light to the world. Amen."



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, sticker of a candle or light bulb
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Let your light shine."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Guide Me" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "How Wide" "It's Praise Time" "Love One Another" "Sing Praises" "We Love" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "This Is the Day" "This Little Light of Mine" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Cedarmont Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 29
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Matthew 5:14-16	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 5:15 Visual: "Shining Light Scope" craft sample
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Shining Light Scope	Cardboard toilet paper tube, rubber band, wax or translucent paper, tissue paper (several colors), glue, crayons or markers, flashlight or candle
		Game: Let Your Light Shine	Flashlight, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song, CD player
		Game: Shine for Jesus	Step stool or short, sturdy box
		Snack: Sunshine Snack	Bananas cut into discs
	Circle of Prayer	None	
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 6, Lesson 29 Color This Story: "Let Your Light Shine"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Matthew 5:14-16	None
	Up to 10	Game: "Guide Me" Memory Hop	Bible open to Psalm 25:5
	Up to 10	Game: Follow the Leader	None
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about showing God's love

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Let your light shine **THE WELCOME**

Teacher Tip: For lessons 23-32, use stickers in the Treasure Chest for children to add to their Kingdom Stories Treasure Box. See the craft page for further instructions.

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a sticker of a candle or light bulb. **Let this sticker of a candle (or light bulb) remind you to let your light shine for Jesus. Today's Whisper Verse is "Let your light shine."** Teach Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Let your light shine."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with three hand motions:

- "Let"** Begin with both arms at either side of the body with the elbows bent at ninety degree angles. With the fingers together, thumbs pointing up, and palms facing inward, raise both hands up slightly as if beginning to clap.
- "your"** The right hand is pushed forward from the body with fingers together and palm facing out.
- "(light) shine."** The middle finger of the right hand taps the back of the left hand. Then lift the right hand upward with all five fingers wiggling.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Let your light shine," Matthew 5:16. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who teaches

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to that designated area.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to King Jesus. In the Bible, Jesus tells us stories to help us understand God's kingdom. Last time, Jesus' story taught us He wants us to give and share what we have instead of keeping it all for ourselves. Today, His words in the Bible will teach us about letting our light shine. That's our Whisper Verse! Let's whisper it together, "Let your light shine!" Review Whisper Verse: "Let your light shine." Include sign language.



When Jesus said, "Let your light shine," He was talking about a special light. It's not a light in the sky, light from a lamp, or light from a flashlight. Jesus is telling us that every good thing we do will point others to Him, just like a bright light points the way. Now, let's let our light shine by giving our offering. As the offering basket is passed, listen to this song about light. Sing: "This Little Light of Mine" while collecting the offering.



Let's see if Ranger Ryan has a story for us about letting our light shine for Jesus. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 29.



Sing Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Guide Me."

The Bible teaches us we can let our light shine by showing God's love to others. Sing: "We Love."



Let your light shine

THE WORD

Additional Supplies: Classroom Kingdom Stories Treasure Box, Lesson 28 “Sharing Barn Bank” craft sample

Before we begin our Bible Time, let’s say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others and then self.

Open the Classroom Kingdom Stories Treasure Box to display the Lesson 28 “Sharing Barn Bank” craft sample. **Last time, Jesus’ story taught us He wants us to give and share what we have instead of keeping it all for ourselves. Who would like to tell the story of the rich fool that we learned last time?** Choose a volunteer to tell the story while they hold the craft sample.

Today, Jesus’ words in the Bible will teach us about letting our light shine. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 5:15.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 5:14-16

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold a “Shining Light Scope” craft sample. Other visual options include Color This Story or any related picture.

- **Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.**
- **He said a city on a hill cannot hide,**
- **No one would put a lamp under a bowl,**
- **For that would be hiding its light!**

- **“They put that lamp on a stand to shine,**
- **For all in the house to see.**
- **So let your light shine for everyone;**
- **They’ll praise God when they see your good deeds.”**



The people put the lamp on a stand. What did the light do? (Gave light to everyone in the house.) **Let’s find our answer in the Bible.** Read Matthew 5:15 from teacher’s Bible.

When Jesus says, “Let your light shine,” He is talking about His special light inside each one of us. Every good thing we do (in our story they are called “good deeds”) will point others to Jesus, just like a bright light points the way.

What can you do with your light? (Let it shine.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let’s say it together: “Let your light shine.”** Include sign language or hand motions.



Shining your light

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

Teacher Tip: Encourage families to use the instructions on the Ponder, Pray & Play card to make a Kingdom Stories Treasure Box to store children's Kingdom Stories Treasures for the next ten weeks (Lessons 23-32). Children should place their Treasure Chest Sticker on the outside of the box and their parable story crafts inside. Create a Kingdom Stories Treasure Box for the classroom to review the stories each week.

CRAFT: SHINING LIGHT SCOPE

Purpose: To remind the children to be the light of the world.

Supplies: Cardboard toilet paper tube, rubber band, wax or translucent paper, tissue paper (several colors), flashlight or candle, label or slip of paper, glue, crayons or markers

Prepare: From wax or translucent paper, cut a 3 ½-inch square. From tissue paper, cut four 1-inch squares. Print on a label or slip of paper: **"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:14-16**

Optional: Use sturdy paper to create a 6-inch x 9-inch tube. After children color the paper, roll it into a tube shape and secure with tape.

Directions:

1. Color the cardboard toilet paper tube.
2. Attach label to tube.
3. Glue 4 pieces of tissue paper onto the wax paper.
4. Teacher assists child in attaching the wax paper to the end of the tube with a rubber band.
5. Teacher shows the children how to look through the open end of tube to see light shining through the colored paper.

Craft Discussion:

- Children hold completed scopes up to their eyes and point them toward light. **What can you see?** (Colors.) **You can see pretty colors when the light is shining.**
- **Hide the light under your hand.** Children cover the ends of the scopes with their hands to block the light. **What do you see now?** (Nothing.)
- **Raise your hand if you love Jesus.** Children raise their hands. **You can show everyone you love Jesus by shining your light. Don't hide your love for Him! Let's say our Whisper Verse with our motions right now!** Say Whisper Verse together with the hand motions.

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Purpose: Children will see how they can shine for Jesus.

Supplies: Flashlight, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me" or "This Little Light of Mine," CD player

To let your light shine for Jesus, you can let everyone know you love Him. You can tell them Bible stories about Him, you can teach them Bible songs, or you can do good deeds for others. Those are just some of the ways you can be like a light pointing others to Jesus! What are some good deeds you can do to point others to Jesus? (Children respond.)

Directions:

1. Children stand in a circle and hold hands.
2. Stand behind one child and hold a flashlight over the child's head. (Do not turn it on.)
3. Play the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me" or "This Little Light of Mine" while the children walk in a circle.
4. Stop the music and turn on the flashlight above the child now standing in front of you.
5. With the children say, "Name of child under light beam **let your light shine for Jesus!**"
6. Play again until each child has stood under the light beam.

GAME: SHINE FOR JESUS

Purpose: Children will see they can be a light in the world by telling others they love Jesus.

Supplies: Step stool or short, sturdy box

Let's imagine our hearts are bright lights for Jesus.

Directions:

1. **First, let's hide our lights!** Children kneel on the floor, leaning forward and covering their hearts with their arms.
2. Teacher calls the first child by saying, "Name of child **shine your light!**"
3. Teacher helps the child stand on the step stool. The child spreads their arms out and says loudly, "**I love Jesus!**"
4. The child then stands with the teacher to see the others shine their lights.
5. Play until each child has a turn standing on the step stool and shining their lights for Jesus.

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: SUNSHINE SNACK

Purpose: Children will enjoy a snack that reminds them to let their light shine for Jesus.

Snack Suggestion: Bananas (cut into discs)

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Hold a piece of banana toward the light. What does it look like that shines in the sky?** (The sun.) **The sun shines brightly for everyone to see.**
 - **You can let your light shine, too. Who can you let it shine for?** (Jesus.)
 - **To let your light shine, you can show everyone you love Jesus. You can tell them Bible stories about Him and you can do good deeds for others.**
 - **Do you want to hide your light for Jesus? (No!) Then, let your light shine for Him!**
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "Let your light shine." **Let's practice our Whisper Verse together with the motions.**



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Shining Light Scope" craft. Tell someone you will shine your light for Jesus. Put your "Shining Light Scope" in your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box when you get home. You can make your Treasure Box from any box. Remember to put your candle or light bulb sticker on the outside of your Treasure Box.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how Jesus wants you to shine your light for Him so other people will know how much Jesus loves them.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Let Your Light Shine." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me" as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: MATTHEW 5:14-16

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the Bible Story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.** (Point to others.)
- **As a city on a hill cannot hide,** (Connect fingertips in a triangle to make a hill top.)
- **No one would put a lamp under a bowl,** (Shake head no.)
- **For that would be hiding its light.** (Cover left index finger with right hand.)

- **“They put that lamp on a stand to shine,** (Uncover left index finger.)
- **For all in the house to see.** (Raise left index finger as a bright light.)
- **So let your light shine for everyone;** (Whisper Verse sign language.)
- **They’ll praise God when they see your good deeds!”** (Point to heaven.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

“Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior.” Psalm 25:5

GAME: “GUIDE ME” MEMORY HOP

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Bible, open to Psalm 25:5

Let’s learn our new Bible Memory Verse! With each word I say, I want you to repeat it and take one hop toward me. When you get close enough to touch the Bible I’m holding, you may sit.

Directions:

1. Children stand shoulder to shoulder at one end of the room. If you have a large class, divide them into groups and have the groups take turns playing.
2. Teacher stands at the opposite end of the room, holding an open Bible.
3. Teacher says each word of the Bible Memory Verse. As the children repeat each word, they take one hop toward the teacher.
4. When each child is close enough, they touch the Bible and then sit down.
5. Teacher repeats the Bible Memory Verse until each child has touched the Bible and is seated.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: FOLLOW THE LEADER

Purpose: Children will play "Follow the Leader" to understand God is their leader who guides them in understanding His truth.

Supplies: None

Directions:

1. **Let's play "Follow the Leader." Follow me and I will show you what to do.**
2. Line the children up behind you. Walk around the room acting out various actions for the children to imitate as they follow you. Actions may include hopping, skipping, patting your head, turning in circles, dancing, etc.
3. Play for a few minutes.
4. **You did a good job of following me. I am your teacher. I led you in the game by showing you the way to play. I was guiding you to know where to go. God guides us and teaches us in His Word, the Bible. Let's say our Bible Memory Verse together.** Children say the Bible Memory Verse.
5. **Everything God teaches us is called His Truth. We can always find His Truth in the Bible. In the Bible, God teaches us about Himself and His world. He guides us in knowing how to love Him.**
6. If time remains, let children take turns being the leader.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about showing God's love through actions.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 6, Lesson 29: Let Your Light Shine

PONDER! Read Matthew 5:14-16 with your family. Jesus told His friends to be like a light guiding others to Him. Showing our love for Jesus, telling others about Jesus, and doing good deeds for others are all ways we can let our light shine. Talk about the ways your family can let their light shine.

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, help us to shine our light for You. We want other people to know You love them very much. Amen."

PLAY! Find and decorate a box to be your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box. Put today's craft inside your Treasure Box. Put your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box Sticker on the outside of your Treasure Box. During the week, take out your craft treasures to remind your family of Jesus' stories. Shine your light today by loving others and doing good deeds for them.

Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse: Psalm 25:5

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior."