



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

Bible Memory Verse: "Guide me in Your truth and teach me." 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 share.
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 always welcomes us to Him.
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."

TEACHER'S TIP

Let Your Light Shine: Showing our love for Jesus, telling others about Him, and doing good deeds are all ways we can let our light shine. Today, talk with the children about what they can do to show others they love Jesus. Tell the children, "We show we love Jesus when we (pray for someone in need, read Bible stories, sing a song about Jesus, share our toys, help clean up, etc.)."



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Welcome	Treasure chest, sticker of a candle or a light bulb
		Coloring Center: Let Your Light Shine	Coloring pages of a candle, crayons or markers
		Play-Dough Center: God Gives Us Light	Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools
		Music Center: This Little Light of Mine	Flashlight, optional: hymn "This Little Light of Mine"
		Bubble Center: Show Jesus' Love	Bubbles
	Up to 5	Prepare for Worship	None
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org. Additional Song Suggestions: "This Little Light of Mine"	Praise music, optional: musical instruments Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Guide Me" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "A New Creation" "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "Guide Me" "How Wide?" "Love One Another" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "Sing Praises" "We Love"
		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: Picture of a light, flashlight
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Shining Light Scope	Cardboard 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, "This Little Light of Mine" or Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me"
		Game: Shine for Jesus	Step stool
		Snack: Sunshine Snack	Bananas (cut into discs)
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's: Unit 6, Lesson 29
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Matthew 5:14-16	None
	Up to 10	Game: "Guide Me" Memory Hop	None
	Up to 10	Game: Follow the Leader	Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me"
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about letting our light shine by showing God's love through actions.

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



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THE WELCOME

WELCOME

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 a light bulb. **Let this sticker of a candle (or light bulb) remind you to let your light shine for Jesus.**

*Families will be encouraged to keep each child's crafts and stickers for the next ten weeks (Lessons 23-32) in a "Kingdom Stories Treasure Box." See the Craft page and Ponder, Pray & Play card for details.

Teacher's Note: These activity centers are designed to reinforce the lesson through hands-on learning experiences either individually or in small groups with the guidance of the teacher. Choose the Bible Activity Centers that best suit the children in your class. Set up the activity centers around the room before children arrive. Allow children to move freely among them.

COLORING CENTER: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

SUPPLIES

Coloring pages of a candle, crayons or markers

DO

Children color their picture as they talk about today's story.

TALK ABOUT

What do you see in the picture? (A candle.) **What do candles do?** (Shine, light up a room.) **If it's dark, we can use a candle to help us find our way. In our story today, Jesus tells us He wants us to be the light of the world. He wants us to show others the way to Him.**

PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: GOD GIVES US LIGHT

SUPPLIES

Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools

DO

Children play with the play-dough while talking about how God gives us light. Encourage children to make the sun, moon, and stars with the play-dough.

TALK ABOUT

What gives us light? (Sun, stars, lamp, flashlight, nightlight, etc.) **What can you do in the light that you can't do in the dark?** (Children respond.) **God gave us the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night. Let's make a sun, a moon, and some stars with the play-dough.**

THE WELCOME *continued...*

MUSIC CENTER: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

SUPPLIES

Flashlight, optional: hymn "This Little Light of Mine"

DO

Lead children in a game of "Follow the Leader." Optional: Play "This Little Light of Mine" while children follow the leader.

TALK ABOUT

We can use flashlights to help us find the way to go when it's dark. We can be a light, too! When we help others find the way to Jesus, we are "letting our light shine." Let's remember to let our lights shine as we play "Follow the Leader." Turn the flashlight on and hold it where the children can see the light. Add motions (clapping, hopping, waving your hands) for the children to follow. Extend this activity by giving each child a chance to lead.

BUBBLE CENTER: SHOW JESUS' LOVE!

SUPPLIES

Bubbles

DO

Teacher or helper blows bubbles. Each time a child pops a bubble, encourage them to say, "I love Jesus!"

TALK ABOUT

Jesus loves when we tell Him how much we love Him. When other people hear we love Jesus we are "letting our light for Jesus shine." Each time you pop a bubble, let your light shine and say, "I love Jesus!"

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

It's time for Praise Time. Let's sing a "Clean Up Song" as we put things away. Praise children as they help clean.

**Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SIGN LANGUAGE

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

**"Guide me
in Your truth
and teach**

(guide) Grab fingertips of left hand with right hand. Pull left hand forward.

(truth) The forefinger starts at the chin and moves out and down.

(teach) For both hands, hold fingers and thumb together. Place them near the head and move them outward two times.

me."

The index finger points to yourself.

Psalm 25:5a

Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

Adding sign language or motions to the Bible Memory Verse helps children recall what they are learning.



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THE WORSHIP

Supplies: Praise music, optional: musical instruments

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 "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" as children move to that designated area.



Our Bible Memory Verse tells us we can trust Jesus to lead and teach us. "Guide me in Your truth and teach me." Can you say it with me? Lead the children in saying the verse with the motions.

"Guide me	(guide) Grab fingertips of left hand with right hand. Pull left hand forward.
in Your truth	(truth) The forefinger starts at the chin and moves out and down.
and teach	(teach) For both hands, hold fingers and thumb together. Place them near the head and move them outward two times.
me."	The index finger points to yourself.
Psalm 25:5a	Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.



Let's say our Bible Memory Verse as a prayer today. We start our prayer by saying, "Dear Jesus." Lead the children in saying "Dear Jesus" followed by the Bible Memory Verse with the motions: "Guide me in Your truth and teach me." Then, we close our prayer with the word, "Amen." Can you say that with me? Lead the children in saying: "Amen."



We can trust God to guide us every day. Let's sing our praises to Him! Sing Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Guide Me."

Jesus is telling us that every good thing we do will point others to Him, just like a bright light points the way. Giving our offering is one way we can shine our light and show God's love to others. Sing: "Love One Another."



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.



We can show others Jesus loves them through what we say and do. Sing: "This Little Light of Mine" or "We Love."



Let your light shine

THE WORD

Supplies: Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 5:15, picture of a light, flashlight

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.

Let's reach deep in our pockets and pull out our listening ears. Reach in your pocket and cup your hands behind your ears as if listening.

Choose a child to help you. Child's name, **I'm going to point the flashlight toward a spot on the floor. When you see the light, I want you to follow it and stand in the circle of light the flashlight makes.** Turn the flashlight on. Help the child move to stand in the circle of light from the flashlight. Play a few times. If you have time, choose different children to help.

The flashlight showed where I wanted you to go, didn't it? (Children respond.) **Did you know Jesus wants you to be like a flashlight?** (Children respond.) **He does! Just like the flashlight showed you where to go, we can show others the way to Jesus. Let's find out how we can be a light for Jesus.** Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 5:15.



WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 5:14-16

Read the story below or retell the passage in your own words. To illustrate the story, show a picture of a light from a children's Bible, the coloring page, or other source.

- **Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.**
- **Did He mean we are the sun, the moon, or the stars? No!**
- **Just as a light shows the way to go,**
- **Jesus wants us to show others the way to Him.**

- **He said a city on a hill cannot hide,**
- **Should we hide our light? No!**
- **No one would put a lamp under a bowl,**
- **For that would be hiding its light!**

- **So, let your light shine for everyone,**
- **Showing the love of Jesus through all you say and do.**
- **When you are the light of the world,**
- **You point others to Jesus and bring Him praise, too.**

What can you do with your light? (Let it shine for Jesus!)



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.

Kingdom Stories Treasure Box: 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 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.

Adaptation for Ages 2-3: This craft was developed for ages 4-5. To adapt the craft for younger children, you may choose to simplify or pre-make portions of the craft. One possible adaptation for this craft is using a paper plate instead of a paper tube. Cut out the center of the plate and glue wax paper to the plate before class. In class, children can color the plate and attach pieces of tissue paper to the wax paper.

Directions:

1. Color the cardboard paper tube.
2. Attach the label to the paper 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!**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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

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

You can let your light shine for Jesus by telling everyone you love Him. You can tell them Bible stories, sing a Bible song, pray, share, or help someone in need.

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

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, sing a Bible song, pray, share, or help someone in need.**
 - **Do you want to hide your light for Jesus? (No!) Then, let your light shine for Him!**



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Gather children in a circle sitting or standing and practice the words and motions.

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and teach	(teach) For both hands, hold fingers and thumb together. Place them near the head and move them outward two times.
me."	The index finger points to yourself.
Psalm 25:5a	Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

PRAY

Let's pray together. Say a closing prayer with the children.

PLAY

Allow children to play with selected toys or centers or choose a book to read to them.

DISMISSAL

Have children take home their coloring page, craft, and a copy of the Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's.



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.)
- **Did He mean we are the sun, the moon, or the stars? No!** (Flick fingers above head for stars.)
- **Just as a light shows the way to go,** (Point left index finger.)
- **Jesus wants us to show others the way to Him.** (Point to heaven.)
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- **He said a city on a hill cannot hide,** (Connect fingertips in a triangle to make a hill top.)
- **Should we hide our light? No!** (Cover left index finger with right hand, then pull hand away.)
- **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.)

- **So, let your light shine for everyone,** (Hold hands together in front of you. Move arms outward.)
- **Showing the love of Jesus through all you say and do.** (Hug self.)
- **When you are the light of the world,** (Point to others.)
- **You point others to Jesus and bring Him praise, too.** (Wave hands high.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

“Guide me in Your truth and teach me.” Psalm 25:5

GAME: “GUIDE ME” MEMORY HOP

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

Supplies: None

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: Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "Guide Me"

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.
3. Play the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Guide Me."
4. As you walk around the room, act 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.
5. Play for a few minutes.
6. **You did a good job of following me. 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 with the motions.
7. 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 letting our light shine by showing God's love through actions.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 6, Lesson 29: Let Your Light Shine

PONDER! Jesus told us we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16). What does it mean to be a light? (Love others, tell others about Jesus, do good deeds, etc.) How can your family let your light shine this week?

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! Open your Kingdom Stories Treasure Box (any decorated box). Put today's craft inside. Put your Treasure Box Sticker on the outside. During the week, take out your craft treasures to remind your family of Jesus' stories.

UNIT 6 BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

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