



# Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:14-16

**Suggested setting:** The Kings & Kingdoms puppet scripts adapt to any setting such as a garden, forest, farm, or stable. Once or twice a year, a set change or addition to the set is recommended for added interest. Decorate with colorful flowers, butterflies, birds, and ladybugs. Puppets can pop out from behind a window, hedge, tree hollow, stonewall, etc. For a simple, portable puppet stage, puppets can pop up from behind a colorful blanket hung on a rod, or from behind a card table turned on its side. Adjust setting and puppet names according to available puppeteers and resources.

**Characters:** Ranger Ryan the Lion is the wise, fatherly forest ranger. He wears a badge and a ranger hat. He gathers everyone at the campfire to tell the lesson's parable. Delbert the Donkey and Lello the Lamb love to sit around the campfire and listen to Ranger Ryan tell the stories Jesus told.

**Props:** Leader has a flashlight.

**Leader** (stands at puppet window)  
**Are you ready to hear a special story from Ranger Ryan?** (Children respond.) **Let's call Ranger Ryan and invite him to join us. Can you all roar with me? Roooaaar!** (Ranger Ryan pops up near campfire.)

**Ranger Ryan**  
**Roooaaar! Ranger Ryan here. Hello, my little ones. Come on and let's gather by the campfire. Would you help me call our friend, Lello, to join us?**

**Ranger Ryan, Leader & Children**  
**Hellohhhhhhhhhhh, Lello!**

**Lello** (Lello pops up.)  
**Yeah. Hello, everyone! What do you have there?**

**Leader**  
**This is my flashlight. I brought it so I can see when it gets dark.**

**Lello**  
**Oh, that's a good idea.**

**Ranger Ryan**  
**It is, especially when you're in the woods. Light is very important in finding your way on the trails. Did you know you all are a light?**

**Lello**  
**I am a light? What do you mean? I don't have a switch, do I?** (Lello looks all over as if hunting for a light switch on her body.)

**Ranger Ryan**  
**No, Lello, you don't have a switch. God wants us to be the light of the world.**

**Leader**  
**Jesus told a good story about being the light. Ranger Ryan, would you tell us that story?**

**Ranger Ryan**

Of course! Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill will not be hidden. People do not turn on a light and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand."

**Lello**

Putting a light under a bowl sounds pretty silly. No one can see it there!

**Ranger Ryan**

That's exactly right, Lello. Jesus also said, "In the same way, let your light shine in front of others. Then, they will see the good things you do and give praise to God, your heavenly Father."

**Lello**

Yeah! I want to do that. But, do I need a flashlight, too?

**Leader**

No, Jesus means you are like a bright light to the world when you love others and tell them about Him.

**Lello**

Oh, I get it! I can let my light shine!  
Thanks for the story, Ranger Ryan.

**Ranger Ryan**

Any time, my little ones. Now, I need to go check on everyone in the woods. (To Leader) May I borrow your flashlight?

**Leader**

Of course, Ranger Ryan. I'm happy to give it to you!

**Ranger Ryan**

Thanks! See you arrrrround. (Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

**Leader & Children**

Bye, Ranger Ryan! Bye, Lello! (All exit.)