



## Let Your Light Shine

You Are the Light of the World  
Matthew 5:14-16

Pops shined his flashlight on the path in front of him. Ranger Ryan had suggested a late night campfire. Pops heard a rustling in the bushes behind him and pointed the flashlight in that direction. Four eyes stared back at him. He smiled and laughed a deep laugh. He knew the eyes belonged to Delbert and Lello.

"Hello, you two," Pops said as Delbert and Lello stepped onto the path. Delbert and Lello walked with Pops and in a few moments they were at the campfire.

Ranger Ryan waved to them and said, "I see you brought your flashlight, Pops."

"It's a dark night and I wanted to be able to see. You never can tell what you'll find on the path," Pops said, as he winked at Delbert and Lello.

"Well, I'm glad you brought it. It's perfect for tonight's story," Ranger Ryan replied.

"Baa, it is?" Lello asked, amazed.

Ranger Ryan nodded, "Yes, did you know we are a light?"

Delbert and Lello gave each other a confused look. "Haw! What do you mean? Do I have a switch on me somewhere?" Delbert asked, as he looked all over himself.

Pops and Ranger Ryan laughed kindly.

"God wants us to be the light of the world. Jesus told a good story about being the light. Won't you tell it to us, Ranger Ryan?" Pops asked, as he sat down by the campfire.

"Of course," Ranger Ryan smiled. "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 a stand.'"

Lello smiled sheepishly and whispered, "Putting a light under a bowl sounds pretty silly."

"Haw! That's right. No one would be able to see it there!" Delbert added.

Ranger Ryan nodded. "That's exactly right! 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.'"

Delbert and Lello both said they wanted to shine their light. "Do we need a flashlight?" Delbert asked.

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

"Haw! I get it. Loving others and telling them about Jesus points them to Him just like Pop's flashlight points the way on the path!" Delbert exclaimed.

"Yeah, I get it, too! Thanks for the story, Ranger Ryan," Lello added.

"Anytime, my little ones," Ranger Ryan said with a smile.

Delbert and Lello said goodnight and headed back toward the barn. Pops and Ranger Ryan stayed for a little longer to enjoy the night air and the campfire.