

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We are learning a lot about Jesus and what he taught. But can other people see that we are followers of Jesus by the way we live? Our words and actions should show his love and grace. When we follow Jesus, he helps us to shine, showing others how great his love is.



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Matthew 5:13-16 in the NIV Bible.
Our story is not found in the Read With Me Bible.

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Life with Jesus - Week 2



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR ALL KIDS: Shining Through

Materials: Paper, scissors, flashlight

Preparation: Cut a cross shape in the middle of the paper. You could tape the side you cut into to hold the paper together better.

We need to let Jesus shine through us. What does that mean? It means that people should look at our lives--what we say and what we do--and see Jesus' love. People see Jesus through us when we love them and are kind to them even when they are not nice to us. People see Jesus through us when we help them and put the needs of others before our own.

Take out your cross cut-out. Write some of the things you talked about around the cross—being kind, helping others, loving others.

Now place the cut-out near the wall and use the flashlight to shine the light through the paper. A cross design will show up on the wall.



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FOR ALL KIDS: Don't Hide It

Materials: Two clear cups, dark colored sharpie marker, flashlight

Read verses 14-15 of Matthew 5 again. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can't be hidden. Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house."

Have you ever seen the lights of a city from far away? They create a glow in the dark sky. In biblical times, the light from a city drew people from the frightening dangers of the wilderness to the safety within the city's walls. As we hold our light higher for Jesus, more and more people will see it and will run toward him!

The lights of a city can't be hidden, but sometimes our individual lights can be.

Take out the two clear cups.

We are called to be a light for Jesus. What kind of things in our lives could keep our light from shining for others? In other words, what might we do or say that would NOT lead others to Jesus? That would NOT honor God?

As you come up with examples, color one of the clear cups until the cup is nearly covered.

Now take out the flashlight. Through which cup does the most light shine? The clear cup, of course. When we live a life that does not honor God and his teachings, our light will not shine as brightly. We want people around us to be drawn to our light--and they have to see it to be drawn to it! We want them ultimately to be drawn to the source of that light: Jesus!



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