



SHINE | WEEK 4 | APRIL 28, 2024

Preschool Lesson

Shine Like the Stars

Bible Story: Shine Like the Stars • I shine when I do what Jesus says • **Philippians 2:14-16**

Memory Verse: “Let your light shine.” **Matthew 5:16, NIV**

Key Question: Who can do what Jesus says?

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever been somewhere where it was so dark you couldn't even see your hand in front of your face? So much darkness that you have to shuffle slowly, stumbling your way across the room with arms stretched out, hoping, searching . . . and then finally, with the flip of a switch, LIGHT! Light changes everything.

This month, we're talking about light, but not just any light. We're talking about Jesus—the light of the world—and how when we do what Jesus says, we shine. We shine the light of Jesus! After this month, we hope every time you and your preschoolers see a lamp or a star-filled sky, you remember that people were made to shine, and we have Jesus—the light of the world—to show us how. So, let's not hide our light. Let's SHINE and light up the dark so others can see their way to Jesus.

Story Focus: I shine when I do what Jesus says. The Bible teaches us that when we do what Jesus says—like when we don't argue or complain—we will shine like stars! There will be people around us who complain or argue, but we can choose to do what Jesus says with a happy heart. Then we will shine like the stars in the sky.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow



KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (Kids respond.) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (List rules while counting on fingers)

1. Be kind. We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. Be safe. We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. Have fun! We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

“Can everybody follow those rules today? (Kids respond.) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let’s say them all together! Are you ready?”

1. I am made by God. What is it? (Kids repeat.)
2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? (Kids repeat.)
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? (Kids repeat.)

“It’s time for our memory verse. Let’s watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!”

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

‘Let (move flat hands forward from hip)
your light (palms facing forward)
shine,’ (twinkling hands moving out)
Matthew 5:16. (Open hands like a book).

“Ok, Now let’s sing and worship God!”

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: YOU LOVE ME, SUPER DUPER KID)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Small Flashlight, Small Cardstock Cut-out for Current Week (W1 Lightbulb, W2 Megaphone, W3 Heart, W4 Star), Story Box)

LGL brings the story box with the props to the center of the room. You should have a small flashlight and small cardstock cut-out for the current week (star).

“I have my story box ready. I’m SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let’s see what I have in here…”

Pull out flashlight and small cardstock cut out for Week 4 (star)

Hold up the flashlight. Do you know what this is? (Pause for responses). YES, it’s a flashlight! What does a flashlight do? (Pause for responses). YES, it helps us to see when it is dark. We are going to turn down our lights because I have something cool to show you. (Have someone in your room turn off or dim your lights as low as they go depending on your space and the comfort level of your kids). I have a small shape in my hand. I’m going to use the flashlight to help you see it. (Aim the flashlight towards a solid wall, panel, or case, turn the flashlight on and place the cut-out image directly in front of the light. Adjust yourself closer or further away from the wall to make the image larger/smaller). Do you see it? What is it? (Pause for responses). YES, it’s a STAR! I love how the light shined bright and allowed us to see.

Let’s watch our Bible story to see how Jesus wants us to shine our light.



WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

Wow! Was that a great story? Yes! When you do things like cleaning up and sharing with a happy heart without complaining or arguing, choose to shine your light like stars in the sky.

We can do what Jesus says and shine our light! When I ask you, ‘Who can do what Jesus says?’, I want you to say, [Bottom Line] ‘I can do what Jesus says!’ Let’s try it! Who can do what Jesus says?” (I can do what Jesus says.)

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let’s look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, ‘I am made by God to reflect His image (act like Him). We can act like Jesus and shine our light like stars when we choose to do what Jesus says.

PRAY

“Let’s pray together. (Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.”)

“Dear God, we don’t want to argue and complain. We want to share, help, let others go first, and say thank you. We want to shine like the stars so everyone can see that Jesus loves them and He wants to be their friend forever. Thank You for helping us do what Jesus says. We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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I CAN HEADBAND

(Memory Verse Circle Sticker – 1 per child, Sentence Strip – 1 per child, Star Stickers – 5-10 per child, Tape)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather memory verse stickers, sentence strips and star stickers. Write each child’s name on their sentence strip.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their sentence strip with the memory verse sticker and 5-10 star stickers. Measure each child’s strip around their head and secure with tape. Encourage children to wear their headband.

After the Activity: Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come sit with me, and let’s make a fun headband to wear!”

During the Activity: “In our Bible Story, we learned how we can shine like the stars in the sky by doing what Jesus says with a happy heart. Let’s cover this sentence with all these fun star stickers. (Pause.) Great job! Your paper looks just like the night sky! Now let’s add our memory verse sticker. What does our memory verse say, “Let your light shine.” Awesome! Let’s turn your strips of paper into headbands. (Measure each child’s strip around their head and secure with tape) Now you have an amazing headband that helps you to remember to shine like the stars!”

After the Activity: “The Bible teaches us that when we do what Jesus says with a happy heart, like when we don’t argue or complain, we will shine like stars! There are so many ways to shine (twinkle fingers) and do what Jesus says. Sometimes, there will be people around you who are complaining or arguing. But you can choose to do what Jesus says and SHINE. Say this with me, ‘I shine when I do what Jesus says.’ I shine when I do what Jesus says. And who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says. Yes, you can! Who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says.”

SHINE LIKE STARS

(“Stars” Activity Pages)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather “Stars” activity pages and gather the children in a circle.

During the Activity: Read the “Stars” cutouts to the children. After reading each star, ask the children if the person complained and argued or chose to have a happy heart. If the person complained or argued, set that star aside. If they did not complain or argue, have the children twinkle their fingers in the air like shining stars.

After the Activity: Review the Bottom Line together.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Come sit with me. I have several stars with words on them. Can you help me decide which stars have complaining or arguing words and which stars have happy heart words?”

During the Activity: “In our Bible Story today, we learned that when we do things without complaining or arguing, we shine like the stars in the sky! I’m going to read these stars to you. If the person complains or argues, the star goes to the side. If the person has a happy heart and does not complain or argue, we are going to twinkle our fingers like shining stars! Ready? (Pick up a star.) This star says a boy said, “Thank you” for his food. Did he complain or have a happy heart? (Pause.) That’s right! He had a happy heart, so let’s twinkle our fingers like shining stars. Let’s read this star. (Pick up a star.) This one says a girl argued with her sister over a toy. Did she have a happy heart, or did she complain? (Pause.) She complained! So, this star goes to the side. (Continue with the rest of the stars.) You were great helpers!

After the Activity: “Let’s stand up together. Now hold up your fingers and twinkle them like stars. (Demonstrate.) When we do what Jesus says, we shine like the stars! Who can do what Jesus says? [Bottom Line] I can do what Jesus says!”

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

‘Let (move flat hands forward from hip)
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PRAYER

“Let’s pray together. (Have kids “put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.”)

“Dear God, please help us to do everything with a happy heart, instead of arguing and complaining. We want to do what Jesus says and love like Him. You’re the best, God! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.