

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 5:14-16 Light of the World

BOTTOM LINE

FOLLOWING JESUS
MEANS SHARING
JESUS WITH
OTHERS

EAD THIS

Someone may not understand God because they can't see, touch, or hear Him. But when you tell someone your story about how God changed you, they will be able to see the effect God has in your life. You can share Jesus with others through what you do and what you say. Let's go deeper and learn more about how we can shine Jesus' light and share Him with others.

MEMORIZE THIS

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

IN ACTION

Every day this week, find one thing that you are thankful to Jesus for and share that with someone. Sharing the good things we see Jesus do in our lives is a great way to shine His light to others!

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DAY 1

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App

K5

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Matthew 5:14-16, John 14:16-17, Romans 10:9 **Discuss:**

- Is everyone a light for Jesus?
- What must we do to receive God's power?

Remember This: I can shine Jesus' light by following Him



CREATIVE CONNECTION

We stand out like a city on a hill when we are powered by and following Jesus! When we choose to follow Jesus and become more like Him, we start to reflect Him to others - that's what it means to be a light! Play a game of "Follow the Leader." One player, the Leader, begins moving around with actions that the rest of the players must mimic. Anything the Leader does, the others must follow. Those players who don't follow the Leader's motions right away are out of the game. The last person standing becomes the new Leader.



TABLE TALK

- Who from the Bible can you think of who was a light to the world by following Jesus?
- Who in your life do you see following Jesus?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray: **P**raise God for being all-powerful **A**sk God to help you follow Jesus' example in loving others **R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, when you don't follow His ways **T**hank God for sending Jesus to be our light



DAY 2

K5

Materials Needed:

Bible or Bible App, Flashlight, Pen. Paper, Scissors

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Psalm 119:105, Psalm 25:4-5, Romans 1:16 **Discuss:**

- Who wants to guide our lives?
- If God's Word is our light, how can we share that light with others?
- What does it mean to not be ashamed of the Gospel?

Remember: God's light guides us and we can share it with others



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Memory Verse Scavenger Hunt - Write out or print Romans 12:2 on a piece of paper and then cut out the words. Have someone hide the words in a dark room. Once the words are hidden, use only your flashlight to find all of the words. Then take them to a table where you can put them in order. Make it more fun by setting a timer to see how fast you can find and put the verse together. Challenge someone else in your family to try and see who can do it the fastest! When finished, think about how light shines in the darkness and can help us find our way and see where we are going. When we are a light for God, we can show others the way to lesus!



TABLE TALK

- · How does light help us?
- What things are darkness in our lives?
- How can Jesus guide us in those dark places?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray: **P**raise God for His truth **A**sk God to help you share His Word with others **R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, when you don't follow His Word **T**hank God for His Word that can guide us



DAY 3

K5

Materials Needed:

Bible or Bible App, 2"Paper Strip Markers, Tape

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 10:25-37, Philippians 2:3-4

Discus

- Why did Jesus tell this parable?
- Why was it strange for the Samaritan to help?
- How did the Samaritan's actions show a love like the love of lesus to the injured man?

Remember this: I can share Jesus with others through what I do



CREATIVE CONNECTION

The W.W.J.D. slogan was born out of Charles Sheldon's 1896 novel, In His Steps. The more we stop and ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?," the more likely we are to do the things that share Jesus with others. Cut a strip of paper to create your own W.W.J.D. bracelet. Wear it as a reminder to stop before making a choice and ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" Remember that Jesus is your light! When you live your life as a child of God you are an example of His goodness and love. You can be a light that shines even when darkness is around. People will see God's light in you and be led to lesus!



TABLE TALK

Tonight, around the table, take turns coming up with situations where it may be hard to be a light for Jesus. Then ask, "What would Jesus do?" As a family, come up with ways to show the love of Jesus in that situation. Here are a few examples to get you started:

- You see a wallet with money in it on the ground outside of the grocery store. W.W.I.D.?
- A kid puts a sign on a girl's back that says something mean. She doesn't know why everyone is laughing. W.W.J.D.?
- Your brother was cleaning and accidentally threw away an art project you loved. He said he was sorry, but you are really mad. W.W.I.D.?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray: **P**raise God for His goodness

Ask God for the courage to do what is right even when it's hard Repent, or tell God you're sorry, when you don't do what is right Thank God for giving us Jesus as our example of how to live



DAY 4

K5

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App, Donut with a hole

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Romans 10:14, Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 3:15 Discuss:

- What job does Jesus give to those who follow Him?
- When people see your actions are different they may want to know why. What will you say?
- Are you ready to share Jesus with others?

Remember This: I can share lesus with others through what I say



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Challenge to share - We can go tell Jesus to the world, or we can step out of our door and tell Jesus to whoever we meet. Maybe you can invite your friends to watch Banana News, or you could give them a Christian book to read, or give them a copy of "Go Deeper" each week. There are lots of ways to introduce someone to Jesus. However you choose to do it, shine a light for Jesus! Together with your family, pray about who and how God wants you to share His Good News this week!



TABLE TALK

Have donuts as a special treat today. What is the job that Jesus has for us? Jesus wants us to tell the whole world about Him. Before we were saved our hearts were a lot like donuts. They may have had maple or chocolate on the outside, even looking really good, but they were still empty with a big hole on the inside. Jesus can fill that hole in our hearts with His love. But there are a lot more "donut hearts" in this world that need filling. There are so many boys and girls, and adults too, who need to hear the wonderful news about Jesus. Then when they believe in Jesus, their hearts will be filled as well. Has your heart been filled with Jesus' love?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray: **P**raise God for His Good News **A**sk God to help give you courage to tell others about Him **R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you walk away from a chance to tell someone about Him **T**hank God for His power to save us from our sins



DAY 5

K5

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App, Your Shoes

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10-11

Discuss:

- What are some things that are unique about you?
- How can God use those unique things as a way to share lesus with others?

Remember This: God created me special to shine for Him, and my story matters



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Get together with your family and have everyone take off their shoes and pile them up in the middle of a room. Your shoes are important, they protect your feet and help to take us where we need to go. Now, everyone picks a shoe from the pile (not their own) and tries it on. Ask questions about how it feels. (e.g. Is it comfortable? Perhaps smelly?) Everyone is different, but those of us who follow Jesus have the same job to tell others about Jesus and what He did for us on the cross. Just like it didn't work to wear someone else's shoes, Jesus gave each of us our own story to share with others. Jesus doesn't want you to look at someone else's story and say, "I wish my story looked more like theirs," or, "Their story is cooler than mine," or "I'm glad I don't have their story!" He gave you your story for a special purpose. We can use our story to help others find their way to Jesus.



TABLE TALK

- Who's life has made an impact on you, and how?
- Why do you think it is important that people have different stories to share?
- If you are a follower of Jesus, have you ever shared with someone your story of how Jesus changed your life?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray: **P**raise God for being creative **A**sk God to show you ways you are unique **R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you don't like something about the way God made you **T**hank God for creating you for a special purpose