

Children's Teaching Time

Opening Song/Dance - Every Move I Make -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

Pray - Invite someone to lead the prayer by starting and closing the prayer time. Use some/all of the following prayer prompts and invite everyone to contribute.

- God, thank you for _____.
- God, I'm scared because _____.
- God, please help me _____.

Read - Matthew 5:13-16

**Help children look this passage up in their Bibles and invite them to read it. If kids have different Bible versions/translations, invite them each to read theirs.*

“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

Talk About - Select several questions to talk about together

- I wonder what the most important word is.
- I wonder what part of the scripture could be left out and not really change the meaning.
- I wonder what your favorite part of the scripture was? Why?
- I wonder what part of the scripture was your least favorite part. Why?
- Do you know someone who is like a light? What is that person like? How do you feel about them?
- What does it mean to be a light in your family, with your friends, and at school?
- How have you been a light before?
- When is a time that you hid your light? Why?
- What did you learn about God in this story?
- I wonder what this scripture has to do with anything going on in your life today.
- I wonder who else might need to hear this scripture.

Pray - Invite kids to pray in response to the story and what God is showing them.

Create - Invite kids to draw a picture that they could use to retell the story or what God is teaching them about this scripture to their family. Alternative: color the picture provided below and/or complete the Children's Activity Bulletin (included in separate files).

Sing/Dance - Deep, Deep, Deep - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69nQjT9CaHE>

Play - In remaining time, play games with kids or allow them to play outside/on playground/go for a walk to discover God's creation.

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... Let your

lights shine

before others

so that

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and give glory

to your

Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16