



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



## 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Light Source Bingo Card" Activity Pages, and scraps of paper

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a "Light Source Bingo Card" Activity Page and about twenty scraps of paper to use as markers.
  - Refer to the footer at the bottom of each Bingo card to ensure that all five versions of the card are given out in the group.
- Point out and talk through each of the different light sources on the card. (There are eight light sources that are repeated three times each on each card.)
- Encourage the kids to use a paper scrap to cover the free space in the center of their cards.
- Explain that you will call out a letter (L, I, G, H, or T) and a light source (lightbulb, flashlight, candle, lamp, the sun, fire, a lightning bolt, or stars).
- Instruct the kids that if they find that light source in the correct column to cover it with a paper scrap.
- Direct the first kid to cover five spaces in a row either diagonally, vertically, or horizontally to call out "LIGHT!" (instead of "Bingo!").
- Declare the kid who calls out "Light!" to be the winner of that round.
- Allow kids to switch cards with a neighbor if they choose and play again.
- Play as many rounds as time allows.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Lights Up

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

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can shine God's light.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

### BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"That was fun! There are so many different sources of light! **[Transition]** Today, we'll hear about another light source, maybe one you have not thought of. Let's find out who is the very best Light of the world!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

*NOTE: If today is promotion week and you have a new group of kindergartners, take a moment to explain what is about to happen. They will handle change better if they know what's coming. For instance, you might say, "Friends, we're going to walk together as a group to our Large Group room. Once we arrive, we will sit together with all the other small groups to sing in worship and listen to our Bible Story. Then we'll travel together right back here to our Small Group spot."*



PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



## 2. PLACES TO SHINE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Places to Shine" Activity Pages, and wall tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Tape the four "Places to Shine" Activity Pages on four different spots on the wall(s) or on the floor around your group area.
- Instruct the kids to gather in the center of your group area.
- One at a time, describe a place using the dialogue below.
- Encourage the kids to run to the picture that matches your description.
- When the kids arrive at that picture, lead a discussion about how they can shine at that place by asking the discussion questions below each description.
- Repeat with the remaining places.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Lights Up

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Matthew 5:14-16

Descriptions:

- This is the place where you learn. (*school*)
  - How can we shine and reflect Jesus' light? What are some ways we can show compassion at school? (*Examples: help the teacher clean up, listen to a friend who's sad, let a friend go first, etc.*)
- This is a place where you live. (*home*)
  - How can you shine and reflect Jesus' light with the people in your family? What are some ways we can show compassion at home? (*Examples: let your little brother or sister play with your toys, listen to your grown-up when they ask for help with something, etc.*)
- This is a place where you play outside. (*playground*)
  - How can we shine and reflect Jesus' light? What are some ways we can show compassion at the playground? (*Examples: help someone who has fallen down, let someone else have the swing, listen when your grown-up says it's time to leave, etc.*)
- This is a place where you buy groceries. (*grocery store*)
  - How can we shine and reflect Jesus' light? What are some ways we can show compassion at the grocery store? (*Examples: help your grown-up carry the groceries, be patient while your grown-up is shopping, etc.*)

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Amazing job, friends! What other places do you sometimes go? (*Invite responses.*) How can we shine and reflect Jesus' light there? How can you show compassion at [place kids named]? (*Invite responses.*)"

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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"There are so many places you go and so many people you see each day and SO many ways **you can shine God's light.**"

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

### BASIC TRUTH

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WEEK  
**ONE**  
SEPTEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



### 4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to pray by repeating the prayer below.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

"There are so many places and so many ways you can shine God's light this week. Let's pray a repeat prayer. I'll pray a line and then you repeat it after me. Let's pray."

"Dear God,  
(Pause for kids to repeat.)

"Thank You for sending Jesus.  
(Pause for kids to repeat.)

"Help us to shine Your light  
(Pause for kids to repeat.)

"everywhere we go.  
(Pause for kids to repeat.)

"In Jesus' name, amen."  
(Pause for kids to repeat.)

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their lanterns along with the Memory Verse as a reminder that [Bottom Line] **you can shine God's light.**

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