



**MONTHLY
BIBLE STORY**

Light of the World
MATTHEW 5:1-2, 14-16

BIBLE WORDS

"Let your light shine."
MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

BOTTOM LINE

You can do what Jesus says.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

The toddler curriculum provides one monthly Bible story because we understand that toddlers learn best through repetition. The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. We hope that by sending home a simple toddler craft you are cueing families to begin having conversations at home with their children.

STORY TIME:

- Tell It

CRAFT TIME:

- Star Stamped
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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins when Jesus told His friends, the disciples, 'You are the light of the world.' Everyone, hold your finger in the air like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Let's pretend this is your light."

"When you are kind, your light shines and people can see that Jesus is kind. When you forgive, your light shines and people can see that Jesus forgives. When you share, your light shines and people can see that Jesus shares. When you help, you shine your light so people can see that Jesus helps. When you do what Jesus says, you shine your light so people can see that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. YOU can do that! **You can do what Jesus says.**"



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Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Star Stamped" Activity Page, cardstock, star stamps, yellow washable ink pads, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Star Stamped" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to stamp a star on each of the pictures. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look at the pictures on your paper, these are four ways you can do what Jesus says and shine your light. Let's put a cool star stamp on each of the pictures. This is a picture of friends playing on the playground. They are being kind to each other. Stamp a star on this picture. (Pause.) This is a picture of friends hugging. Stamp a star on this picture. (Pause.) This is a picture of friends sharing a toy. Stamp a star on this picture. (Pause.) And the last picture is a brother helping his little sister. Stamp a star on this picture. (Pause.) When you are kind, or share, or help, you are doing what Jesus says! **You can do what Jesus says."**