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**MONTHLY  
BIBLE STORY**

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

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**BIBLE WORDS**

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

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**BOTTOM LINE**

You can do what Jesus says.

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**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be  
my friend forever.

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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.

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**STORY TIME:**

- Show It

**CRAFT TIME:**

- Shine On
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## STORY TIME

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, "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock, and a tap light with a piece of duct tape covering the battery compartment.

**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, (*hold up the picture of Jesus and the disciples*) 'You are the light of the world!' (*Put the tap light in front of the picture and turn it on.*) You can be a light too." (*Hold the light in the center of the group.*)

"When you are kind, (*hold up the picture of children playing on the playground*) when you forgive, (*hold up the picture of children hugging/apologizing*) when you share, (*hold up the picture of children sharing a toy*) and when you help, (*hold up the picture of a brother getting something from a shelf for his sister*) your light shines (*hold up the light*) and people can see that Jesus is kind, He helps, and He shares. When you do what Jesus says, YOU (*hold the light in the center of the group*) shine your light so people can see that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. YOU can do that!

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**CRAFT TIME**

*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:** "Shine On" Activity Page, cardstock, yellow washable ink pads, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

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

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Help children cover one hand with yellow ink and press it on their paper with the heel of their hand touching the flashlight. Clean hands as needed.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "You can shine your light when you share, forgive, help, and when you are kind. You can shine your light all the time! There is a flashlight on your paper, but it isn't shining its light. Let's use your handprint to make the light. Let me help you cover your hand in the yellow ink and press it on your paper. *(Pause.)* Look at your beautiful handprint! Now your flashlight is shining its light! *(Clean hands.)* [Child's name], you can shine your light by doing what Jesus says. You can show people Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. **You can do what Jesus says."**