



**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:

- Act It

CRAFT TIME:

- Shine Surprise
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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 and a tap light with the battery compartment duct taped shut

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.' (*Press the tap light on.*) You can be a light too. (*Press the tap light off.*) When I say your name, I want you to come and turn the light on. Are you ready? [Child's name], you can shine your light when you are kind! Great job, go back and sit down. (*Turn the tap light off.*) [Child's name], you can shine your light when you forgive! Great job, go back and sit down. (*Continue with each child alternating the different ways to shine their light.*)

"You can shine your light for people to see that Jesus is kind, He forgives, He helps, and He shares. 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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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 Surprise" Activity Page, cardstock, yellow watercolor paints, water, paintbrushes, small paper bowls, paper towels, white crayons, baby wipes, and a permanent marker; *Optional: yellow dot markers in place of yellow watercolor paints, water, paintbrushes, small paper bowls, and paper towels*

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Shine Surprise" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Draw several stars all over each child's paper with the white crayon, make sure to draw with pressure. Pour a little water into several bowls.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to paint their paper to reveal the surprise. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "The color yellow is a happy color to me. It also makes me think of the color that a flashlight shines or the color of twinkling stars! Paint your paper with the yellow paper and watch for a fun surprise! *(Pause.)* Look at your paper! What do you see? *(Pause.)* There are stars on your paper! How cool! When we do what Jesus says, we shine our light for others to know Jesus! Jesus loves us and wants to be our friend forever. You can shine every day! **You can do what Jesus says.**"