

Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App,
Banana



GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Matthew 5:14-16

Find a flashlight or turn on the flashlight on your phone. Turn the lights off in the room, then hide the flashlight under a basket or a blanket. Ask your child if they can see in the dark with the light covered up (Nope!). The light doesn't do anything for us when it's covered up! God's Word says that people who follow Jesus are the light of the world. Just like a light can show us the way in the dark, we can show others the way to Jesus! We can show them what it means to love Jesus and obey Him! If we don't share Jesus' love with others, they might not ever know how amazing He is! That would be like hiding our light under a basket - nobody would be able to see it!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

When we obey what God's Word says, we look different from the world. We stand out, like a big, bright light shining in the dark! We show other people Jesus' love so that they want to get to know Him too! Play a game of "Follow the Leader." One player, the Leader, begins moving around with actions that the rest of the players must mimic. Anything the leader does, the others must follow. Those players who don't follow the leader's motions right away are out of the game. The last person standing becomes the new Leader.



TABLE TIDBITS

Slice up some bananas. Hold a piece of banana toward the light. What does it look like that shines in the sky? (The sun) The sun shines brightly for everyone to see. You can let your light shine too. When you let your light shine, you show everyone you love Jesus. You can tell them Bible stories about Him and you can help others. Do you want to hide your light for Jesus? (No!) Then, let your light shine for Him! **Remember: Following Jesus means sharing Jesus with**



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "Remember to share Jesus' love with others!" As you tuck them into bed, sing, "This Little Light of Mine" (<https://tinyurl.com/little-light>.) Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: *Dear God, Thank You for Your Son, Jesus. Please help me to share Jesus' love with everyone! Thank You for loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:14-16
Light of the World

SPECIAL WORDS

FOLLOWING JESUS
(MARCH IN PLACE)
MEANS SHARING JESUS
(POINT UP)
WITH OTHERS
(PALMS TOGETHER IN FRONT OF YOU)

READ THIS

Jesus once walked on the Earth just like you and I do! He walked all over, teaching people and healing people's sickness. Today, people can't see Jesus or touch Him. How will people know that He is real then? Well, it's up to us! When people see us following Jesus and hear about the amazing things He has done for us, they want to know more about Him. We can share Jesus through what we say, but also through what we do. Let's go deeper and learn more about how we can shine Jesus' light and share Him with others.

MEMORIZE THIS

"Don't copy (*shake finger from side to side*) the behavior (*right hand out to the side*) and customs (*left hand out to the side*) of this world (*make a big circle overhead with arms*) but let God (*point up*) transform you into a new person (*bring hands all the way from feet up to head*) by changing the way you think (*make a thinking hand below chin*). Then you will learn to know (*finger at forehead*) God's will for you (*point up*), which is good (*right thumbs up*) and pleasing (*left thumbs up*) and perfect (*palms down and out to the sides*)."

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

IN ACTION

Every day this week, find one thing that you are thankful to Jesus for and share that with someone. Sharing the good things we see Jesus do in our lives is a great way to shine His light to others!

CHECK OUT OUR COMPANION VIDEOS ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:
[youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch](https://www.youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch)

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Bible or Bible App, Toy,
Flashlight

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Psalm 119:105

Find a dark or dim room in your house. Ask your child what would happen if they walked through the room without turning a light on? (You could trip, fall, or bump into something). That's right! Without a light on, you can't see what's in front of you! Did you know that God's Word is like a light? God's Word tells us how to obey God and do what is right. God's Word can help protect us from making the wrong choices, just like a light protects us from tripping, falling, or bumping into things in the dark! We can share this light with others so that they can know how to obey God and do what is right! **Remember: Following Jesus means sharing Jesus with others.**



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Flashlight Hunt - Hide one of your child's toys in a dark room. Give your child a flashlight and send them on a hunt to find their toy. If they are having a hard time finding it, give them little clues. Celebrate when your child finds the item. Play as many times as your child would like. When finished say to your child, "Light shines in the darkness and can help us find our way and see where we are going. The Word of God is a light that shows us the way to live our lives!"



TABLE TIDBITS

We've been talking a lot about how God's Word is like a lamp. God's Word is also like a recipe that we can follow - it gives us directions on how we should live. Make something with your child that requires following a recipe. Talk about what would happen if you used a wrong ingredient or added too much of something. If we didn't have the recipe telling us what we should do, our food might taste bad! If we didn't have God's Word, it would be difficult to know how to obey Him and we might make bad choices!



CUDDLE CLOSE

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Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, 2" Paper
Strip, Markers, Tape

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 10:30-37

In today's Bible story, some robbers hurt a man who was on his way to a city called Jericho. Other people saw the poor man on the side of the road, but didn't stop to help him. Finally, one man did. This Samaritan man didn't know the man who had been hurt, but he bandaged his wounds and paid for him to stay in an inn until he felt better. God's Word tells us to love others just like the Samaritan showed love to the man who was hurt. If we know somebody is sad, hurting, or needs help, let's show them Jesus' love by doing something for them!

Remember: Following Jesus means sharing Jesus with others.



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Have your child repeat after you - W.W.J.D. Say those four letters over and over again and then ask your child if they know what those letters mean. Say, "These letters stand for, 'What would Jesus do?' When we are getting ready to make a choice we can ask this question to help us stop and make the right choice." Give your child a paper strip about 2" wide and long enough to go around their wrist. Write the letters W.W.J.D. on their bracelet and then let them color it. While they work, say, "When we do what Jesus would do we shine His light to others!" When finished loosely tape the band around your child's wrist as a reminder to follow Jesus.



TABLE TIDBITS

Go through some role-playing scenarios with your child. Remind your child to ask, "What would Jesus do?" when responding to the scenarios.

- Your mom gave you a piece of candy, but you lost it when you were playing outside. You see the bag of candy on the counter, and your mom isn't in the room right now. Should you take a new piece of candy without asking? What would Jesus do?
- Your friend came to your house for a playdate and you noticed that she left one of her toys behind. When your mom asks whose toy it is, should you tell her it's yours and keep it? What would Jesus do?



CUDDLE CLOSE

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Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App,
Donut with Hole

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Romans 10:14, Acts 1:8

Can you see Jesus the way that you see your parents, siblings, or friends? No! But you can know He is real because other people have told you who He is and showed you love, just like He does. These people might be your parents, grandparents, or leaders in BR Kids. As people who know Jesus, we have a special job to do! We need to tell others about His love! If we don't tell others about Jesus, then how will they know how amazing He is? **Remember: Following Jesus means sharing Jesus with others.** Who can you tell about Jesus this week?



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Jesus' light shines in our hearts when we follow Him! One way to shine His light is by telling others we love Him! Let's pretend to hide our lights! (Kneel on the floor, leaning forward and cover your heart with your arms.) Then, when I call on you to shine your light I want you to stand up tall, spread their arms out, and say loudly, "Jesus loves me!" When ready, call on your child (or children one at a time) by saying, "[Name of child] shine your light!" Continue the game as many times as your child would like.



TABLE TIDBITS

Have donuts as a special treat today. What is the job that Jesus has for us? Jesus wants us to tell the whole world about Him. Before we were saved our hearts were a lot like donuts. They may have had maple or chocolate on the outside, even looking really good, but they were still empty with a big hole on the inside. Jesus can fill that hole in our hearts with His love. But there are a lot more "donut hearts" in this world that need filling. There are so many boys and girls, and adults too, who need to hear the wonderful news about Jesus. Then when they believe in Jesus, their hearts will be filled as well. Has your heart been filled with Jesus' love?



CUDDLE CLOSE

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Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, Your
Shoes, Flashlight

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10-11

If you were a superhero, what would your special power be? Even though you may not ever be able to fly or read people's minds, there are other things that you can do that are just as cool! Just like a superhero has special powers, God gives each of us special things that we can do really well - like drawing, playing an instrument, singing, talking in front of big crowds, or playing sports. God gave us these special things on purpose, because He knows that we can use them to show others His love! For example, if you like to sing, you can sing songs about God's love for others to hear! **Remember: Following Jesus means sharing Jesus with others.**



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Get together with your family and have everyone take off their shoes and pile them up in the middle of a room. Our shoes are important, they protect our feet and help to take us where we need to go. Now, everyone picks a shoe from the pile (not their own) and tries it on. Ask questions about how it feels (e.g. Is it comfortable? Perhaps smelly?) Everyone is different but those of us who follow Jesus have the same job to tell others about Jesus and what He did for us on the cross. Just like it didn't work to wear someone else's shoes, Jesus gave each of us our own lives to share with others. Jesus doesn't want you to look at someone else's life and say, "I wish my life looked more like theirs," He gave you your life for a special purpose. We can use our life to help others find their way to Jesus.



TABLE TIDBITS

Grab a flashlight and gather your family into a circle or around the table. Turn the light on and pass the flashlight to your child. Have your child name something they're good at or that's special about them. Have others in the circle share how your child can use that special gift to "shine" God's love to others! Continue passing the flashlight around the circle until everyone has had a turn.



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