

Let Your Light Shine Feb. 5 your light = your love

Theme; Letting Your Light Shine	
Scripture; Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16	
Children's Talk Object; A lamp and an extension cord, bible	

I hope you all know the song, "This Little Light of Mine" because I want you to help me sing that song this morning. While we sing it, I'm going to hold up this light and let it shine all around. (Sing the song, but the light doesn't shine.)

What's wrong? My light isn't shining. (Someone will probably notice that it isn't plugged in.) Oh, here's the problem, my light wasn't plugged in. (Plug in the light.)

Let's try it again. (Sing the song, but the light still doesn't shine.) Well, I wonder what the problem is now? (Someone may suggest that the light wasn't turned on.) Oh, here's the problem, my light wasn't turned on. Let's try it one more time. (Sing the song again and this time the light will shine.)

The Bible tells us that we should let our light shine. Before our light will shine, we must be plugged in and turned on. We must be plugged in to God's power supply which is His love, and we must be turned on for Jesus. When we invite Jesus into our heart, we have Jesus' power. When we come to church to worship and sing songs for Him and read His Word in the bible, And pray to Him, we get turned on for Jesus. When we are plugged in and turned on, our light will shine. **Our love will shine!!!!.**

Dear Lord, we want our light to shine. We ask You to help us to remember that we need to be plugged in to Your power and we need to be turned on for Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

LET'S SING A SONG; This little light of mine! I'm going to let it shine! This little light of mine! I'm going to let it shine! This little light of mine! I'm going to let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, all the time.	Vs. 2 All around my home. I'm going to let it shine Vs. 3 All around my hometown. I'm going to let it shine Vs. 4 All around the whole wide world. I'm going to let it shine.
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Plugged In and Turned On Group Activities

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

FLASHLIGHT HUNTING: Find a dark spot in the designated area for children to use their flashlights to find pieces of paper or objects that have today's Bible Verse on them. When found, bring the Bible verse words back to the table and place in the correct order on a long table banner. Use flashlights to light up the Bible verse and read together several times.

PAPER BAG LIGHTS: Give each child a paper bag to decorate with words and verses from today's lesson. Cut out a few small holes in each paper bag as eyes, nose and mouth and ears, etc. Children can color the bag and make it look like themselves if desired. When the bags are completed, let children shine a flashlight into the bag to see the light showing through. If inexpensive mini flashlights can be afforded, each child could be given a flashlight to remember today's lesson.

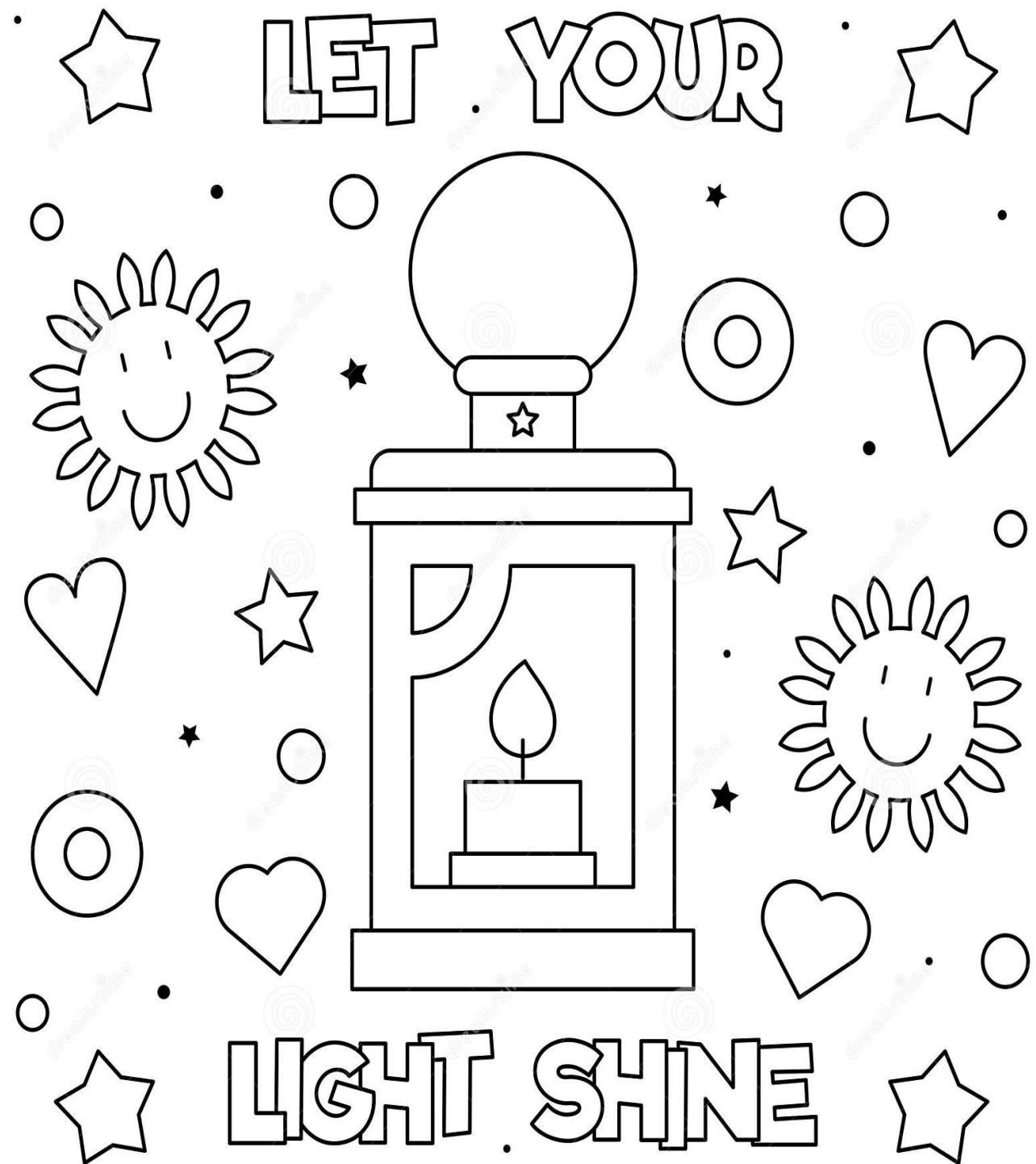
CONNECTING TO JESUS: : Give the children bright colored markers and paper to draw a decorated J-E-S-U-S on one side of the paper. Then give the children a string to glue from the word JESUS to a drawing of themselves, Various shapes and sizes of paper will make a fun way for the children to glue together a drawing of themselves, if desired.

Or attach a long strings or different colours of wool (power cords) (firmly to a wall hook) to the word JESUS and give the other end to each child. Allow them to walk around the room entangling their power cords with other people to show how important it is to interact with others and share the power. The power always goes back to Jesus.

POWER SUPPLY FLASHLIGHT: Give each child a cardboard tube to write words around the edges for the POWER SUPPLY in our lives, such as, WORSHIP, PRAISE, STUDY GOD'S WORD, and ACCEPT JESUS AS SAVIOR. Add yellow streamers flowing out from one end and march around the room or a designated area saying today's Bible Verse together and singing THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE together.

LIGHT TURNED ON DISPLAY: Give the children bright yellow construction paper to cut out a large light bulb. Children will glue the light bulb onto another piece of paper and write today's Bible verse on the light bulb, or "This Little Light of Mine - I'm going to let it shine". Hang the light bulbs on the classroom wall.

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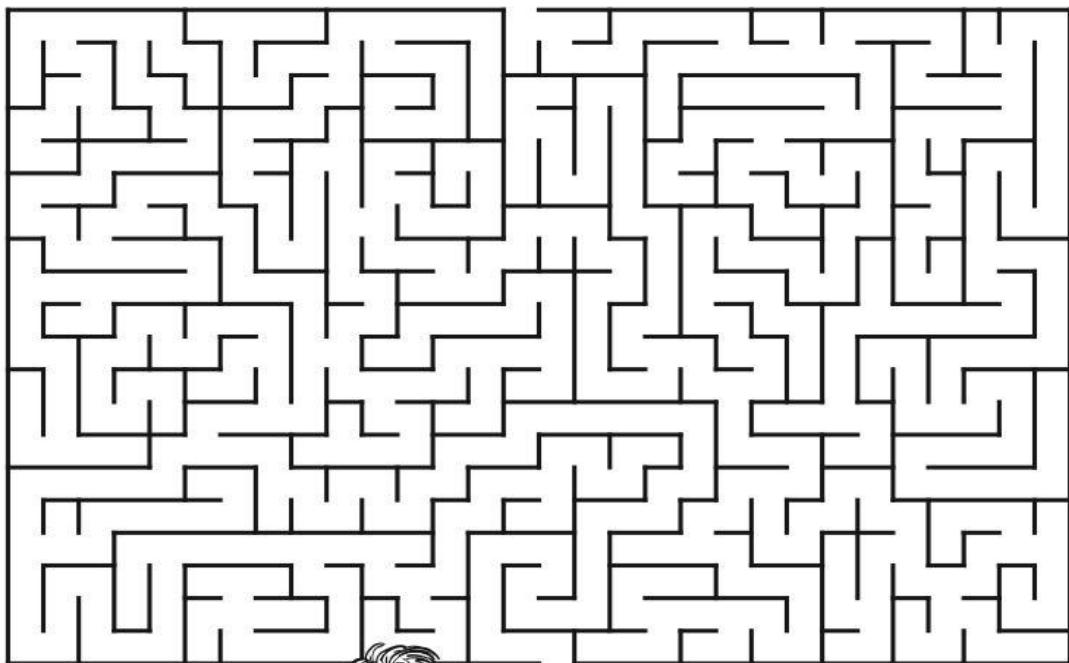
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“I AM” THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Follow Jesus, the Light of the World

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD PAPER CANDLE CRAFT



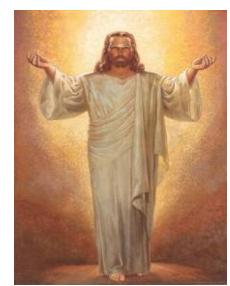
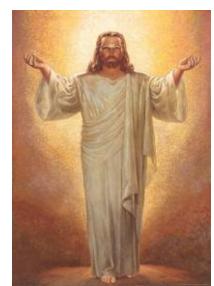
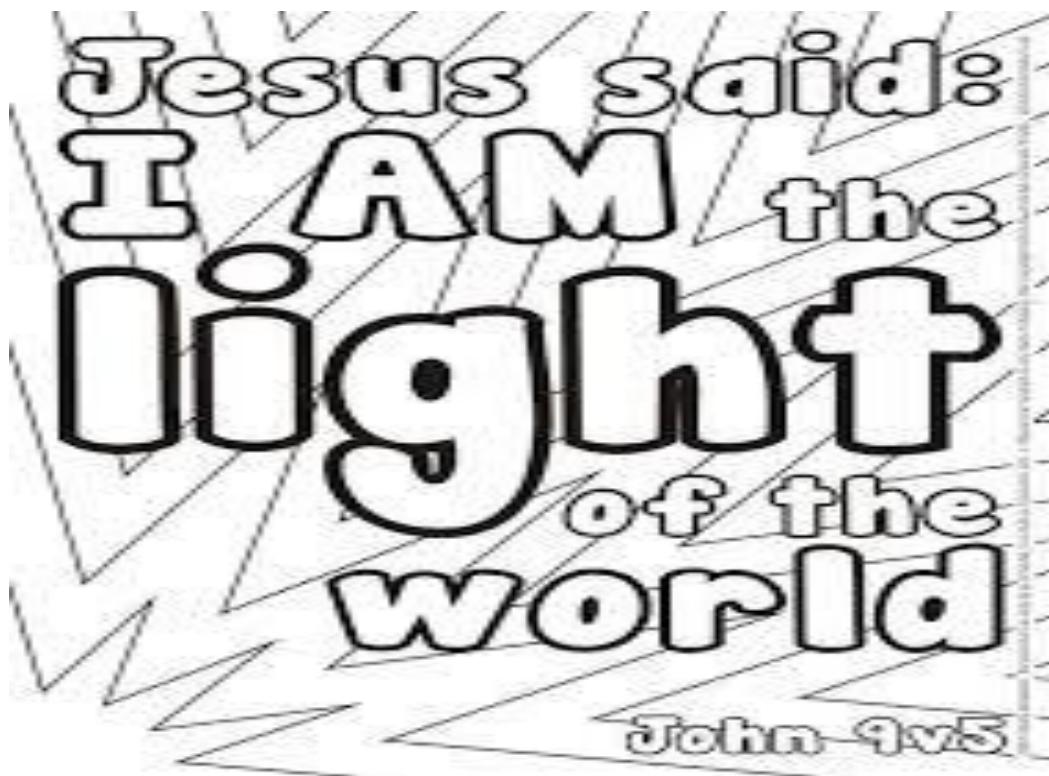
Hours and Pages



Craft #1 You will need: a printout of this page. Or draw your own message and picture. Scissors and glue. Cardboard tube, orange paper or a coloured flame.

Cut a circle slightly larger than the open end of the tube. Cut small slits all around the circle and glue on top of the tube.

Colour the picture and glue it around the tube. Glue the small picture of Jesus on the flame. Add the flame to the top of the candle.

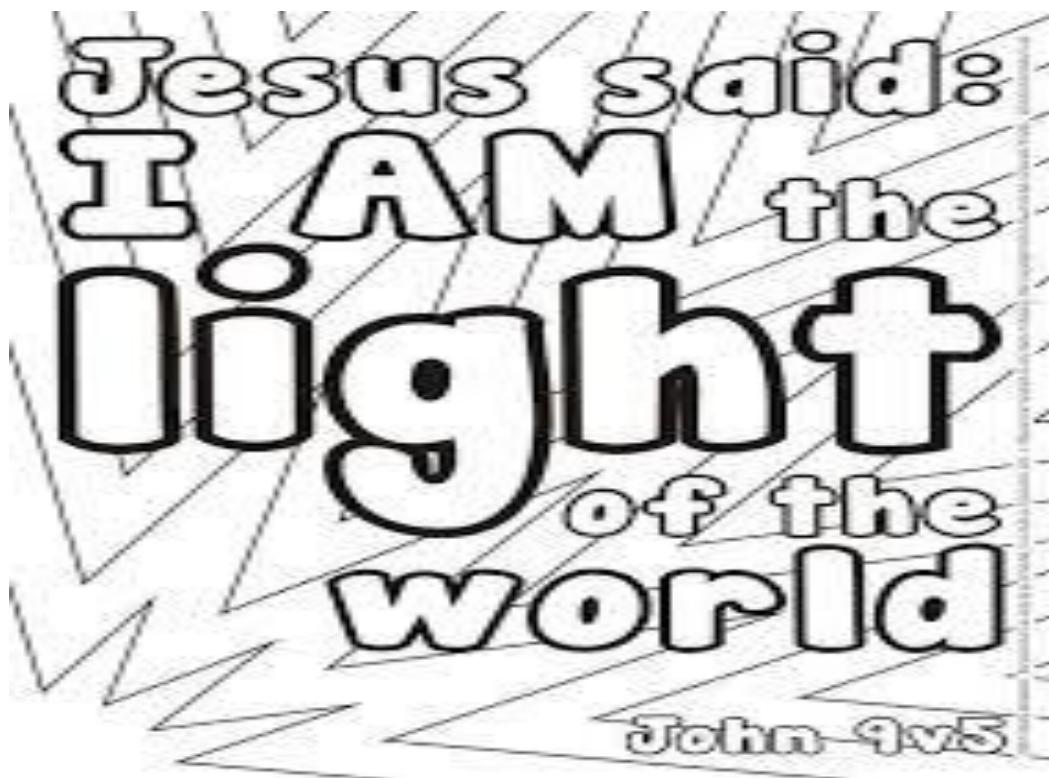


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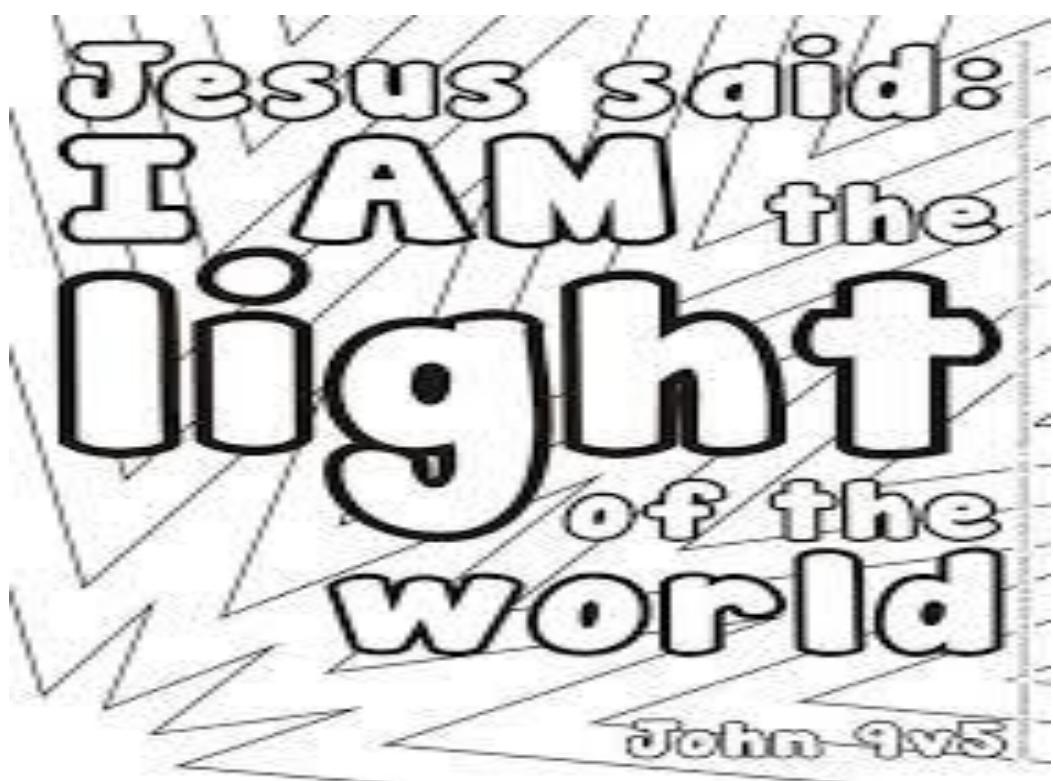
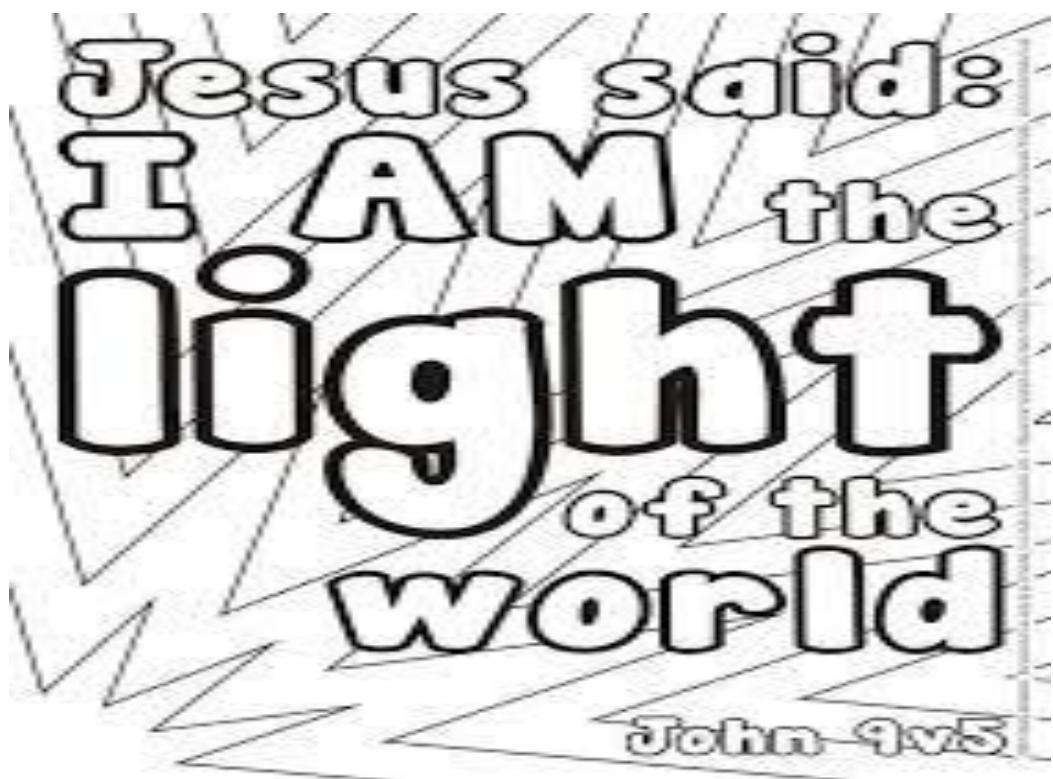


Craft #2 You will need; card board (corrugated is best but bristol will work) A piece of white paper, crayons (esp yellow). Small bowl of cooking oil and a paint brush. Paper towel.

Today we want your light to shine. Cut out the cardboard frame. and print on the frame "We shine for Jesus" or "Let your light shine for Jesus" Glue a piece of white paper on the back of the frame. Using crayons, Colour your favourite shining picture. Eg You may draw a picture of the sun or a campfire or a candle or a light bulb as your main picture. Now paint the oil over the whole picture and use the paper towel to absorb any extra oil on the picture. Turn it over and hang it in a window.



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