

**Theme**

Letting Your Light Shine.

**Object**

A lamp and an extension cord.

**Scripture**

Matthew 5:13-16

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 into God's power supply.

How do you think we might "plug in" to God's power supply? (It's okay if kids don't know.)

When we believe in Jesus, it's like we're plugged into God's power supply. We can also plug into God's power supply by coming to church to learn about God and to worship Him. And when we read the Bible together, we are plugged into God's power supply.

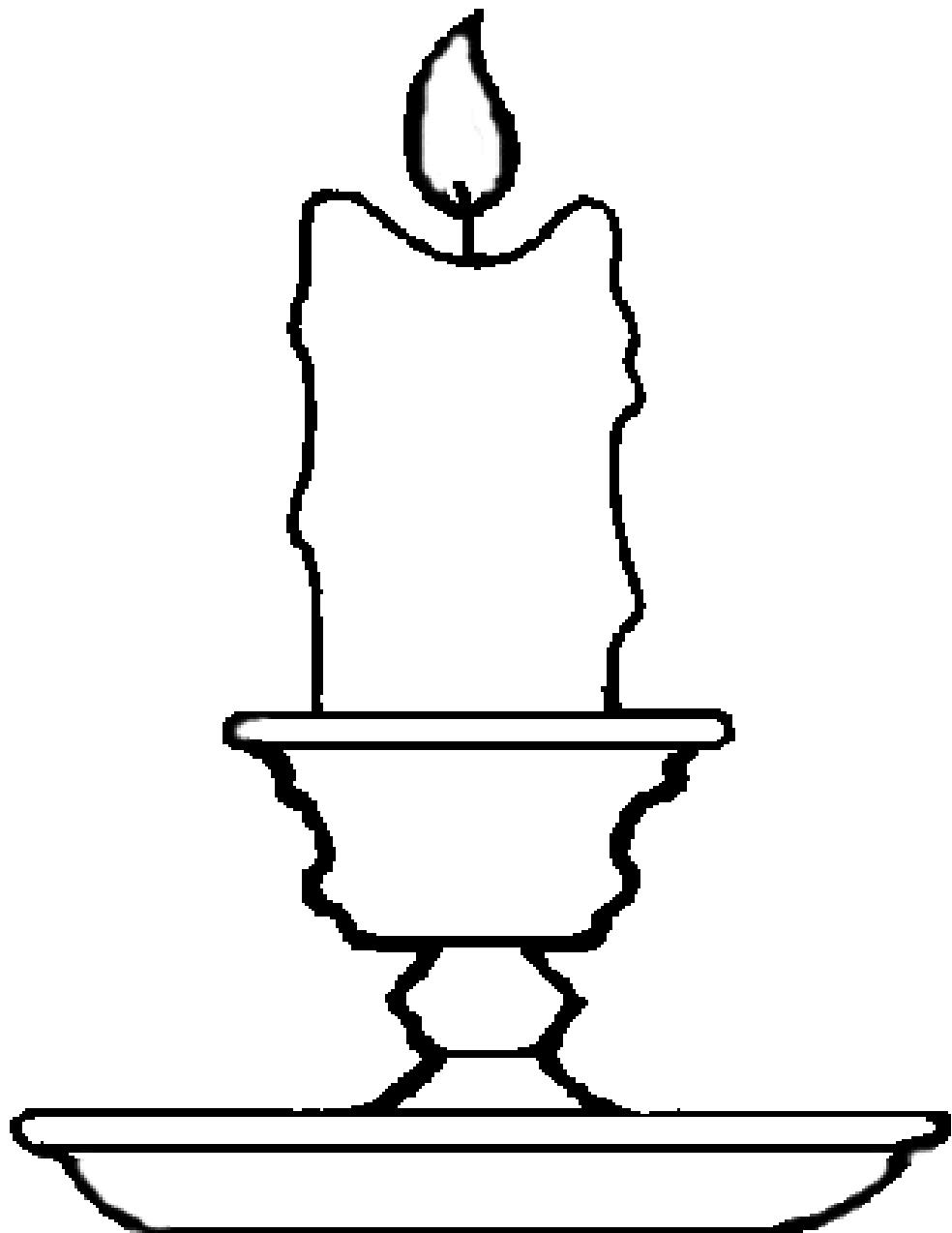
What's a way you plug in that makes you feel close to God?

When we are plugged in, it helps us be close to God. And it also makes us shine like lights.

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.

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**Coloring Page**



**"Let Your Light Shine"  
Decoder**

## **Let Your Light Shine**

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
J	O	N	K	Y	V	C	T	W	B	D	P	L	E	M	Z	Q	G	R	A	H	U	X	S	I	F

1. 18-2-2-11 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 21-2-22-24-14 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 11-14-14-11-24 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 13-25-18-21-8 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 10-2-9-13 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 13-20-15-12 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 9-2-19-13-11 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 24-21-25-3-14 \_\_\_\_\_

LAMP	SHINE	DEEDS	BOWL
LIGHT	HOUSE	GOOD	WORLD

## Let your Light Shine Activity:

**Key theme:** Letting Your Light Shine



### Materials:

- Colorful paper or cardstock
- Scissors
- Markers or printed verse labels
- Glue or tape
- Glow sticks (any color)
- Hole punch (or scissors to make small slits)
- Basket or container (optional, for display)

### How to Make It:

1. Cut the paper into simple shapes (clouds or flowers).
2. Write or print the words "*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*" Decorate as desired.
3. Make two small holes or slits in the paper and slide the glow stick through.
4. Secure with tape or glue if needed.
5. Activate the glow sticks and remind children to let their light shine!