

KIDSLOT LESSON

Let Your Light Shine

PREPARATION: You will need,

a candle in a glass container or dish and matches, or a small lamp to plug in;

a Bible;

Ipad/tablet to use for youtube song

Coloring page/pages (one for each child); crayons

WELCOME

Have the children sit with you in a circle. Let them know that you are glad that they are there.

Ask them about their week and if they did anything fun or unusual since you were together last.

Tell them you would like each of them to answer a fun question before you begin, and choose one of the following questions:

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

What game do you like to play the most?

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time together and teach you new things.

WORSHIP

Light the candle or plug-in/turn-on the lamp and place it in the middle of the circle.

Tell the children that this is to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World, and that because we belong to Jesus, we are to let the light of our lives, shine for Him too!

Sing: Shine Jesus Shine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gr5Y63bDNNg>

WORD

Tell the children that you are going to talk about ways that we can let the light of Jesus shine through us. (Keep the candle/light in the center of the circle)

Read: (or have one of the children in the group read)

John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Say: When we think of light in the world, we often think of the sun, or when we think of darkness, we think of night time.

Ask: - What do you think Jesus meant when he said that he is the 'Light of the world'? Did he mean that he was the sun? What kind of 'light' does knowing Jesus give us?

- When Jesus talked about darkness in the world, what did he mean? What kind of darkness?

Read: Matthew 5:14 (Jesus said) "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Ask:

- What are some 'good deeds' that we might do that will help others see the light of Jesus in us? (allow for discussion, further questions)
- Have you ever noticed someone who looks sad or lonely? What is something kind that we could do that would help them see the light of Jesus in us?
- What about the way you take care of your room at home? Can the light of Jesus be seen in that too? How?
- What is something that you can do everyday this week that might help others notice the light of Jesus in your life? (ex. Helping without being asked; talking to someone at school who looks sad or lonely; being polite and respectful; cleaning up after yourself, etc - in general: thinking of others more than ourselves!!)

Tell the children that you want them to sit very still, and that you are going to turn out the lights in the room. **Exclaim!:** Look at how much light even one light can give – how much darkness can be pushed back! Each of our lives is like this one light, and Jesus wants us to let it shine!

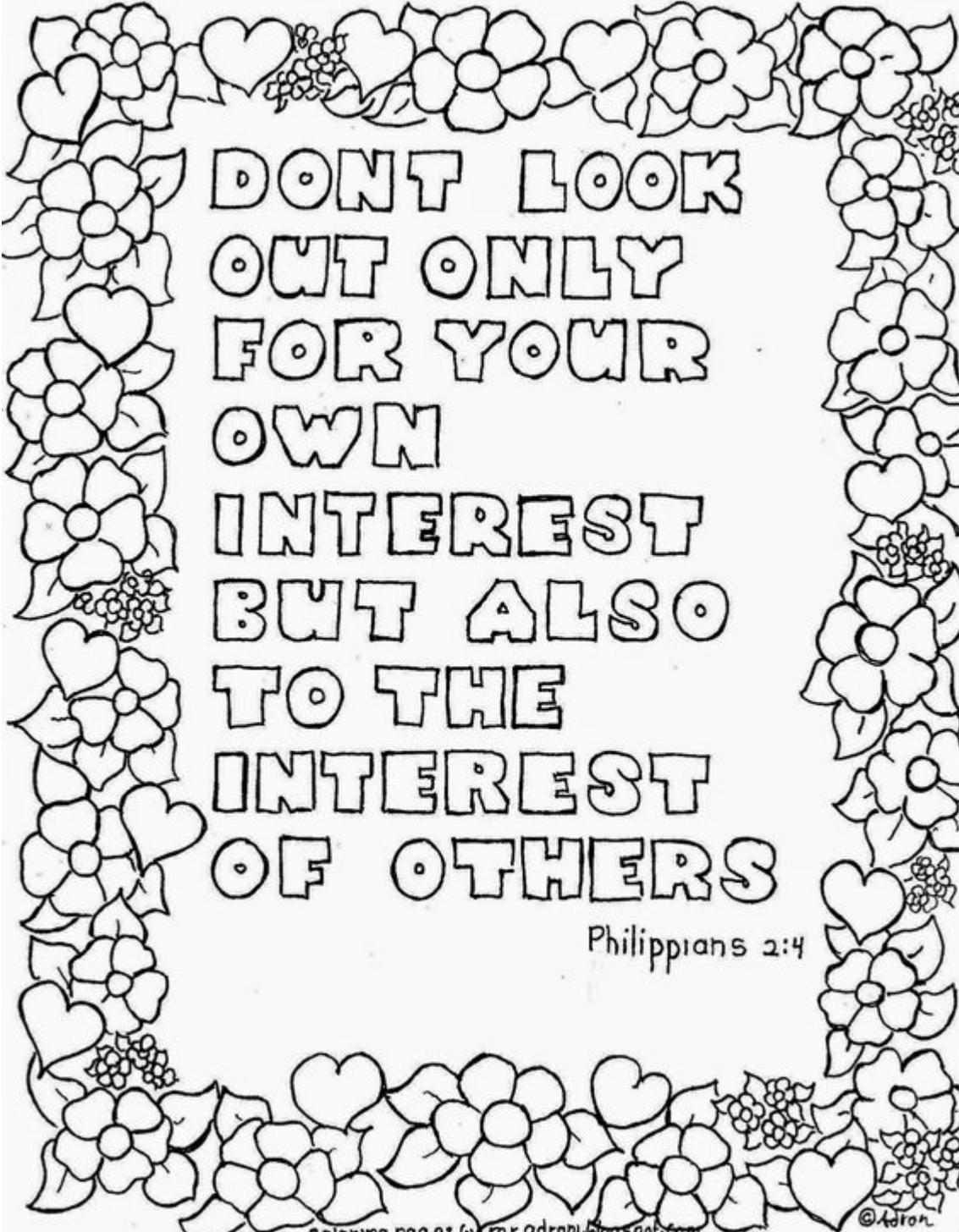
(If age appropriate, consider leading the children in singing 'This Little Light of Mine'.)

WORKS**Ask:**

- Who is someone that you know that we should pray for, that needs to see the light of Jesus in you? (allow children to share names of friends/families, write these down so that all requests are prayed for)
- How should we pray for each other?
- If children are older, ask them to pray in twos for one another that the Light of Jesus will be seen in them more brightly; or pray for the children and their requests.

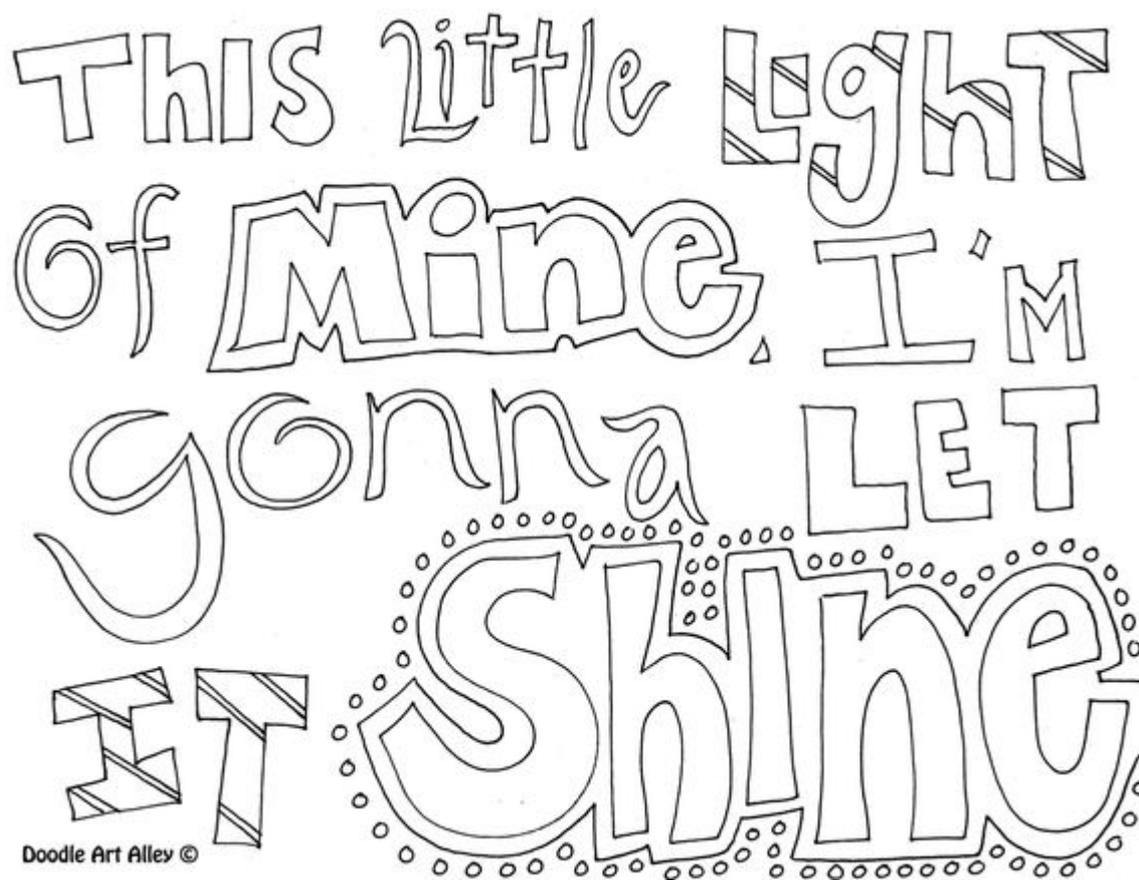
As time permits, hand out coloring pages (one at a time) and crayons.

Play 'What is it?' with the light/candle in the center of the circle still lit, turn out the lights in the room and make 'animal shapes' with your fingers against a wall. Have the children guess the animal and then take turns.



DONT LOOK
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FOR YOUR
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Philippians 2:4



NAME _____

**"Let your light shine in front of others so that they can see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16**