

LESSON 1: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

After completing this lesson, the children learn how the Magi followed a bright star to find Jesus, and that they too can be a bright star for others to find Jesus.

Let Your Light Shine (Puzzle)

MEMORY WORK

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 NIV.

Have you child perform the following cheer:

Teacher or Leader

What do we let shine?
Who do we shine it for?
What will they see?
Then what will they do?
And Where is the Father?

Kid Respond

Our light
Others
Our good deeds
Glorify the Father
Heaven

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION

Introduction:

Have a volunteer look up the word "Magi" in a Bible dictionary (pronounced May-jui) (Magi were Men of Arabia and Persia who studied the stars. Some believed they had the power to interpret dreams and for that reason today we often refer to them as wise men.)

Have you ever looked up on a clear night and tried to count all the stars? Have you ever seen a star that looked a little brighter than the rest? There is one special star in the sky even today that people follow. It's called the North star, or Polaris. What is special about this star is that it always stays in the same place and all the other stars circle it. It's called the North Star because when you look at it, you're facing north. Before fancy machinery and computers, ship captains used the North Star to navigate the oceans. They could always tell where they were by finding the North Star.

Read Matthew 2:1-12

Have your child take turns reading a few verses.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why were the Magi looking for Jesus? *(They wanted to worship Him.)*
2. How did King Herod react to the visit by the Magi? *(He was deeply disturbed.)*
3. What did the prophets say would come out of Bethlehem? *(A ruler who will be the shepherd of Israel.)*
4. What did King Herod tell the Magi to do? *(Go find the baby and report back to him where Jesus was.)*
5. How did the Magi find where Jesus was staying? *(They followed a star.)*
6. Where were Mary and the baby when the Magi arrived? *(In a house.)*
7. What was the first thing the magi did when they found Jesus? *(They bowed down and worshipped Him.)*

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

Jesus wants to be found. Even shortly after He was born, before He could even talk, people were able to find Him. As we learned from our lesson today, God used a star to lead the Magi to His Son, a brightly lit star. But we also learned that we too can be brightly lit stars by helping others to find Jesus. When we let our light shine by being good boys and girls, and when we do this, we choose to do right instead of wrong. As a result our neighbors, friends, schoolmates, and even perfect strangers see how different we are—they see the light inside us shine through. When we share with them the secret to our shine—that we have Jesus living in us—they can't help but also see the real light. So, let your light shine!"

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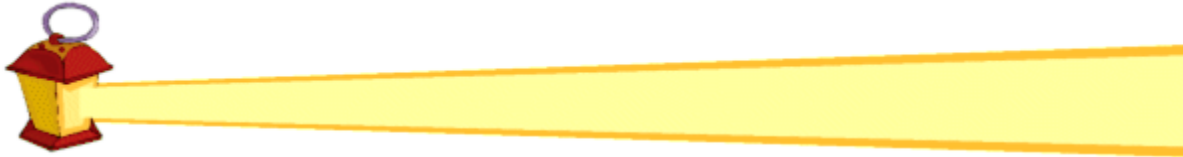
Instructions:

First cross out all words that are days of the week

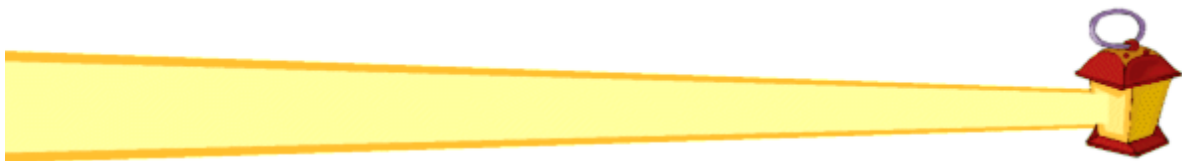
Second cross out all words that are colors

Third cross out all words that are names of animals

Fourth cross out all words that are numbers



SUNDAY	BROWN	SEVEN	LET	PIG	WHITE	SIXTEEN
THREE	YOUR	TURTLE	GOLD	EIGHT	LIGHT	FRIDAY
SHINE	HORSE	FOUR	RED	BEFORE	TUESDAY	ORANGE
PURPLE	OTHERS	WEDNESDAY	ALLIGATOR	FIVE	THAT	FIFTY
RACCOON	THEY	FROG	BLUE	MAY	MONDAY	TWO
THIRTEEN	GREEN	SEE	THURSDAY	NINETEEN	SNAKE	YOUR
SATURDAY	GOOD	SQUIRREL	DEEDS	SUNDAY	TIGER	AND
GLORIFY	YOUR	PINK	TUESDAY	YELLOW	FATHER	BLACK
BEAR	IN	FRIDAY	HEAVEN	GIRAFFE	FIVE	WEDNESDAY



What do the remaining words say? Write them in order on the lines below.

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