

FULL FLASHLIGHT

BIG IDEA

When our lives are full of dirty sin we are not able to shine God's truth and love to those around us.

KEY VERSES

Matthew 5:16b

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16b

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

Flashlight, dirty pieces of cloth, clean pieces of cloth, dirty socks, clean socks, dirty paper, clean paper, batteries that work in the flashlight, bucket.

GAME

- none

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)

CRAFT: GLOW STICK TUBES

- Cardboard tubes (from toilet paper), 1 per child
- Glow sticks, several per child
- Decorations such as stickers, markers, glitter glue
- Tape
- String



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BIBLE LESSON

Lesson 2

Preparation: Remove batteries from flashlight and fill it with dirty cloths and socks. Put the clean socks and batteries in the bucket nearby.

Does anybody know what God compares his children to? (Accept various answers until someone says "light")

God says we are the light of the world and he wants us to shine. What does it mean to shine in this world? (Accept a few answers)

Sometimes though we can't shine very brightly or maybe not at all. Like this flashlight here. I haven't been able to make it shine today. (Demonstrate turning in on and off)

Can anybody help me make it shine? (Allow kids to try it. It's OK if a child opens the flashlight and discovers the dirty things. If they don't discover the dirty things, do it yourself)

Oh my goodness, look at these dirty things. The flashlight is full of them. No wonder the light isn't working. These dirty things are like sin, they make our hearts dirty and we can't shine God's love. Maybe we are being very selfish, or holding on to anger against someone. Maybe we have been telling a lies or cheating on school work. Maybe we have mean thoughts about a friend.

Sometimes people try to stop sinning and live a perfect looking life all by themselves. It would be like washing out the rags and making them clean. Pretend to was the dirty rags in the bucket and take out the clean ones. Fill the flashlight back up with clean rags)

There all clean. No more sin. Now the light can shine brightly! Right? (Try it. Let the kids try it.)

Why isn't it working? Right, because it's still full of rags and paper, even if they are clean. They don't have any power. We can't shine God's love without God's help. At best all we can show is clean looking things.

If we really want to change and shine God's light in this world then we need real power. We need God to forgive our sins (open the flashlight and take out all the rags) and fill us with his Holy Spirit (put in batteries). That is the only way we can shine brightly in this world (turn on the flash light).

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CRAFTS

Lesson 2

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OBJECTIVE: GLOWSTICK TUBES

Cut holes in a cardboard tube, add a glow stick, and let the light shine through!

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

EXAMPLE



This example uses tall 5 x 1/2 inch glow sticks. The flexible thin glow sticks will also work.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Cardboard tubes (from toilet paper), 1 per child
- Glow sticks, several per child
- Decorations such as stickers, markers, glitter glue
- Tape
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DIRECTIONS

- Cut small shapes out of the tube such as circles, triangles, crescents, etc.
- Use hole punch to create small holes (optional)
- Decorate outside of tube with stickers, markers, glitter glue, etc.
- Place a glow stick inside
- Seal the top and bottom of the tube with tape
- Tape a loop of string to one end of the tube so that it can be hung on a wall or swung in circles

Note: Glow sticks have limited glow time. You might instruct the kids to break the stick (to start the glow) in the evening when it is dark. If possible send a few spare glow sticks home with each child.

SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- *Precut holes in tubes*
- *Use hole punches to put small holes in tubes*

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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: CHANGES

Kids make a change in appearance. Kids try to guess what change was made.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- none

INSTRUCTIONS

Everyone sits in a circle. One player is sent out of the room. Now a change will be made in the circle.

Example: 2 players exchange jackets or places, or 1 player changes his T-shirt so he is wearing it backwards. The player who was out of the room comes in and must guess the changes made to the circle. Make sure changes are big and somewhat obvious.



GAME OPTIONS

- *Divide a large group into several smaller groups*
- *Add an active game after such as tag or a relay race after playing this game*



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