

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

BIG IDEA

We all need to let the light of Jesus shine. If we let it extinguish, we become more susceptible to worldly things coming in to fill the void.

KEY VERSES

II Corinthians 4:6

MEMORY VERSE

II Corinthians 4:6

"For God, Who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', made His Light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

- Candle (birthday candles work well)
- Lighter or matches
- Baking dish or plate with low sides (clear is preferred)
- Clear glass vase (preferably one with a narrow neck and larger base)
- A couple bottles of water
- Food coloring

GAME

- Several sheets of paper in 4 colors
- Rope or tape for boundary
- Empty box, bucket or other container

CRAFT

- Colored paper clips, 10 per child
- Colorful ribbon, yarn, embroidery floss, etc.

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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BIBLE LESSON • SCIENCE OBJECT LESSON

Lesson 7

PREPARATION

Light the candle and use drops of wax to adhere candle to center of dish. Extinguish the candle. Place the dish on the display table in front of the audience. Place water onto dish surrounding the candle (practice a few times to know the amount of water to add). Add food coloring to the water. Have glass vase, lighter or matches within easy reach.

PRESENTATION

Hey kids, today I will teach you about the light that God gives each of us. Are you ready? OK, let's get started.

There is a classic saying in science; 'nature abhors a vacuum'. That simply means that everything in God's universe needs to be filled. Even outer space is actually filled with tiny molecules of gas. The same is true with us. We are filled with all sorts of chemicals, gases, and other substances.

But those of us who know Christ are filled with something special, something that fills us completely, all the crevices, cracks, and holes. For God said in 2 Corinthians 4:6 'let light shine out of darkness' . . . in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. So, we become a lantern of the Lord, filled with a 'light' so powerful that all we want to do is to spread his word to those around us.

You remember the song, don't you? 'This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine'? However, if we are not careful our light can become diminished, less bright. How can our light start to go out? Well, it might get less bright by not going to church, hanging around the wrong kinds of friends, not obeying your parents, not praying, or just not reading your Bible. If we are not too careful, we may lose this light entirely. Once this light is gone we start to feel empty.

So, what is it like to feel empty? (wait for answers)

What happens when you lose your light, when you lose your connection to God by not going to church, not praying, or not reading your Bible? Can we fill this emptiness by ourselves? Can we fill it with friends? Food? TV? Sports?

Well, maybe for a short time, but it passes. It is not eternal. It does not last.

So, how can we keep our lights shining brightly?" Wait for a response. How about reading the Bible, obeying our parents, going to church, helping others, and simply praying.

(If you are in a room turn off the lights)

We are now in darkness. Let's see what one light can do. (Light the candle.)

See, one light shines very brightly. It pierces the darkness so that even one little candle light can fill the

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room with light. 1 John 1:5 says 'God is Light; in Him there is no darkness.'

(Turn lights on again)

But, what if I start to lose my connection with God by not praying, going to church, or reading my Bible. What is going to happen to my light? (Turn off lights. Light candle)

Let's see. (Cover the lit candle with the vase.)

Wow, what just happened? (Wait for a response.)

Yes, the water went in. Isn't that just like we try to do to fill the void ourselves? But it is not the same, is it? Only when we remove the covers can we ignite the light, spread the word, and REALLY feel full again. (Remove the jar and relight the candle. It may take some effort if it became wet.)

So, what have we learned? (Wait for a response.)

Yes, do not let your light go out. How can we keep our light bright? (Wait for responses.)

OK, now what can we do with this light? We can do some amazing things now. For one, we can help teach about Jesus Christ to others. For God says in Matthew 5:16 'let your light shine before men, that

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• CRAFT •

OBJECTIVE: FANCY PAPER CLIPS

Make colorful, fancy paper clips for school papers, book marks, or gifts.

DIRECTIONS

- Cut a 3 inch piece of ribbon (yarn, floss)
- Fold in half
- Poke folded edge into the wide end of the paper clip about half inch
- Thread the loose ends around the clip and through the folded loop of ribbon
- Tighten ribbon gently

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, hole punch, staplers

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Colored paper clips, 10 per child
- Colorful ribbon, yarn, embroidery floss, etc.

EXAMPLE



• GAME •

OBJECTIVE: ON GUARD

Teams try to toss wads of paper into a container while guards try to keep paper out

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Several sheets of paper in 4 colors
- Rope or masking tape for boundary
- Empty box, bucket or other container

INSTRUCTIONS

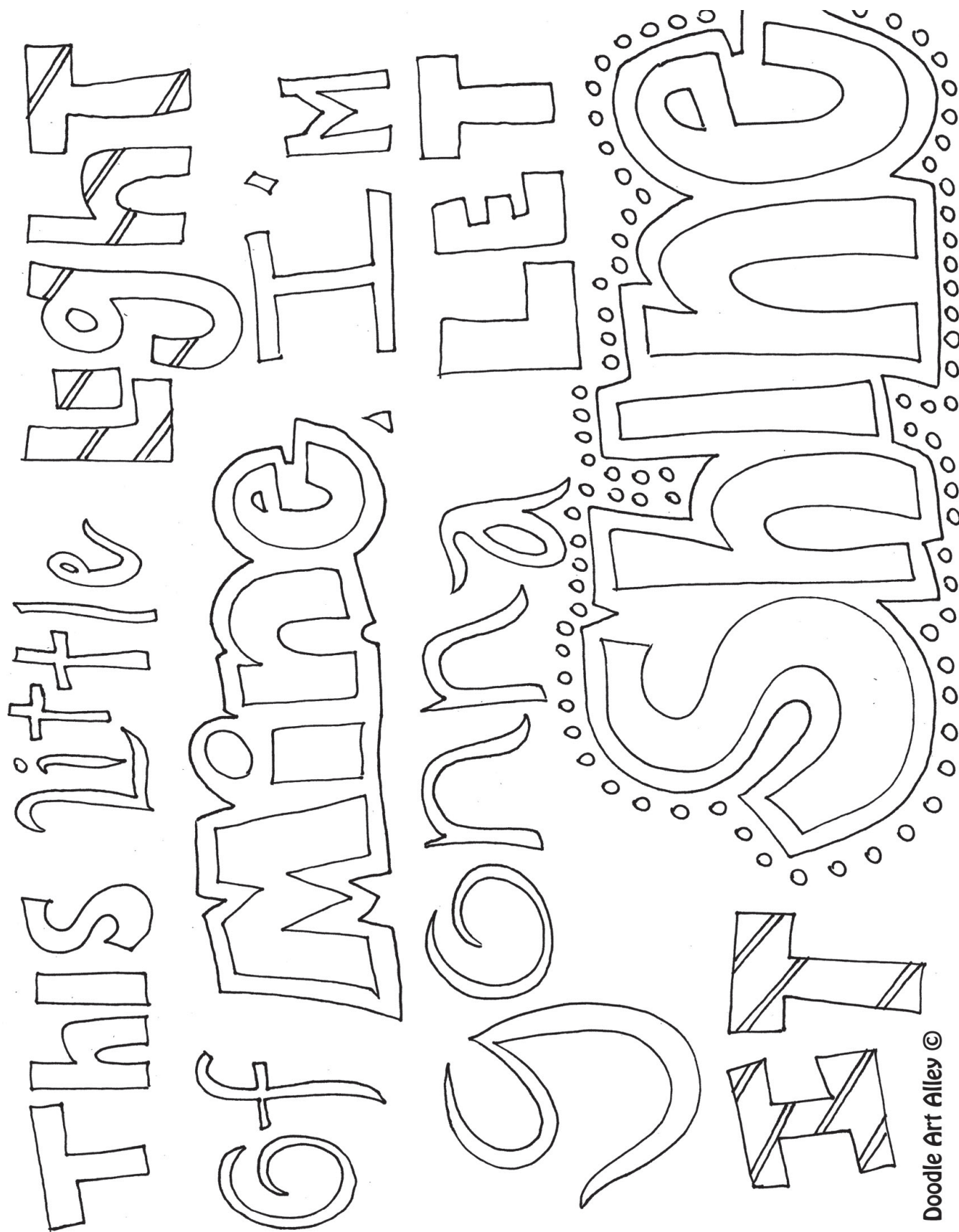
- Separate children into 2-4 teams. Use rope or tape to make a 5 foot square. Place container in center of square.
- Each team stands on a different side of the square and is assigned one color of paper. One player from each team stands inside the square to guard the container
- Teams tear a piece of paper, crumple it into a ball and try to toss it into the container
- Guards try to block all the balls except those belonging to their own team.
- End the game after a few minutes. The team with the most paper balls in the container wins.

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