



Lesson
43

1st-4th

SERMON ON THE MOUNT - SALT AND LIGHT

June 13 & 14
**GOD IS OUR
LIGHT**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Jesus gave a very special message called the Sermon on the Mount full of important teachings about what it means to follow God. In one of these teachings, Jesus taught us that we are called to be salt and light to the world. Because God is our light shining in us, God calls us to shine that light to others rather than hide it. We can do this by showing others God's love, kindness, and truth.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God is our light in the darkness. He calls us to shine this light with others! When we shine God's light through our words and actions, others can come to know God's love for them.

Matthew 5:13-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Home Discipleship Parenting Class

Hosted @ Downtown campus

July 13, 20, 27 - woodmenvalley.org/kids

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Camping



KEY VERSE:

Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free."

Mark 10:45, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

CURE INTERNATIONAL

This year at Kids Camp, we had the opportunity to raise funds for CURE International in Malawi. At CURE, kids receive life changing orthopedic surgeries while also learning about the love of Jesus.

LET'S PRAY FOR THE KIDS THAT WILL BE RECEIVING THESE SURGERIES:

Pray for their physical healing

Pray for their hearts to be open to hearing about Jesus

Pray for their families



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, *(insert child/parent name)*!

Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and mark it with a sticky note. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is Our Light!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.

SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **God is Our Light**. This story comes from the Bible in **Matthew 5:13-16**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?

DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus, His followers, us

2. What was the problem?

Jesus' followers needed to learn what it means to be salt and light

3. What did God do?

Jesus taught an important lesson about how when we are like salt and light, we shine God's light and love to others!



MAKE: "God Is Our Light" Flashlight Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies:

1 per kid - ziploc bag, flashlight cut out, God Statement sticker, black cardstock; markers/crayons, black heart stickers (2 per kid)



DO:

Invite kids to color the flashlight. Help kids assemble the black paper into the ziploc bag and add the God statement sticker and heart stickers to the outside of the bag. Then, show kids how to use the flashlight to reveal the message

OPTIONAL: Kids can use a black permanent marker to write their own secret message about God on the back side of the ziploc bag.



SAY:

God is our light in the darkness! He wants us to shine His light with others! Let's make a craft to help us remember that truth.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Luke 6:27-28

SONG 2: Light of the World



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God is Our Light!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: tea candles (1 per kid - to be reused each service, not take home)

SAY:

In one of these teachings, Jesus taught us that we are called to be salt and light to the world. Because God is our light shining in us, God calls us to shine that light to others rather than hide it. We can do this by showing God's love, kindness and truth to others.

DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***God is our light! When we believe in God, His light lives inside of us! And God wants us to shine that light with others!***
 - ***Friends, let's practice that right now.***
 - Turn off classroom light and pass out tea candles.
 - ***Look around the room. If it's dark, but we all shine God's light, it makes it so much brighter!***
 - ***What are some ways you can shine God's light this week?*** Let kids take turns sharing ideas. Then, invite kids to say ***"God is my light!"*** together. Collect the lights.
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.

SAY:

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY: *May you shine the light of God in all you do - remembering that God's love is for everyone!*

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus, His followers, us

2. What was the problem?

Jesus' followers needed to learn what it means to be salt and light

3. What did God do?

Jesus taught an important lesson about how when we are like salt and light, we shine God's light and love to others!

4. Why does this matter to me?

When I believe in Jesus, God calls me to shine His light to everyone through my words and actions.

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can share God's love by being kind to someone; I can share God's love by forgiving someone who hurt me; I can read the Bible to learn more ways to share God's love



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents arrive after service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card.