

## **ECM Midweek March 17th**

**Title:** The Story of the Light Inside You

**Theme:** God Wants us to tell others about Him

**Scripture:** Matthew 5: 14-16

Intro: Welcome back from Worship, my friends!

Illustration with light. What can I do with me light? Should I...

In Our Bible Adventure today, we will hear a story Jesus told about letting your light shine.

Bible: So let's get ready for our Bible Adventure...hold up your Bible. The Bible is God's true word and everything in it is right and true. Let's do our Bible song together...The B-I-B-L-E

So let's put on our listening ears, and button or zip our lips and listen to what God's word has to say.

Story:

Today, we will be in the New Testament, which is the second half of the Bible in Matthew 5:16-17. Can you open up ther with me? Good. Ok so Jesus was just teaching all his followers about what it looked like to be a follower of Jesus. He really wanted to know that his followers should act differently than others. That as they lived, and worked in their towns that others would see something different in them. He used a light to help him tell his story. Let's read what he said in Matthew 5:16-17

Did you hear that? Let me show you what Jesus meant. (illustrate with lamp and bucket)

Jesus had told them that He is the light of the world and when we follow him, we show Jesus to others so they can also come and follow Jesus with us.

That is a pretty big responsibility that Jesus has for us. But what a special task he gave, he wants to use YOU to tell others about how great God is. Isn't that special? You have a special task that God gave you, the friends you have and the neighbors and family....God wants you to be kind, and loving and speak his words to others. Why? So that they can come to know Jesus too and be Jesus friend forever.

He said right there at the end of our Bible story, (read v. 16)

Your good deeds will help people see Jesus and also glorify God. That is a big word huh? What that means is that when you do kind and helpful things for others. And tell others about Jesus, it puts a smile on God's face and he is happy because people will now see how great God is through you.

A special task right?

So this is what I pray for you, that you will become Jesus' friend forever, that you will tell others about Jesus, and that you will shine your light so others see Jesus in you.

Questions: Now it is time to see if you were listening, I have 3 questions for you...

Who said He was the light of the world? (Jesus)

What should we do with our light of Jesus in us? (we should shine it so others can see Jesus)

How do we shine our light to others? (we do kind things, we help others, we tell people about Jesus)

Let's close and sing a song..."this light of mine"

Closing: Thank you my friends for joining me today and planting God's word like a little seed in your heart. Now don't go anywhere. We have something fun for you up next.

Craft: Are you ready for our craft today? Look at this super cool craft

....That looks pretty neat. Now it is time for our memory verse, lets join Sadie and say our verse together.