LESSON 3

A Light Should Not Be Hidden



Aim: **To show the children that our lives are to be like lights showing people the way to God.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:14–16; John 8:12; Mark 4:21–23; 1 Kings 17:8–24**

Memory Verse: **Matthew 5:16**
"[L]et your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Show the class a candle or a torch. Do you know what this is used for? Light the candle or switch on the torch and put it behind a desk or somewhere where it can't be seen. Do you think this is a good place to put it? Does this light help us now?

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Jesus talked about putting a light where it is useful.
   Show Picture 3. What are the people in the picture doing with the lights?
2. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." He meant that he shows us the right path to follow. Without Jesus, we live in darkness because we are sinners. Jesus said those of us who follow him must be like lights that show other people the right path to follow. If we hide our lights they will not find the way.
3. **Say the memory verse.** These are Jesus' words.
   The truth of this verse can be made clear by telling the class the story of Elijah and the widow in the town of Zarephath:
4. During a time of great famine, the prophet Elijah visited a certain town where a very poor widow lived with her only son. He asked the widow for food. She had almost nothing left (1 K 17:812). However, she agreed to feed him.
5. Elijah promised the widow that God would not let their food run out – and it didn't! (17:1316).
6. However, some other disaster struck the poor widow. Her son fell ill and died. She was very upset. By God's power Elijah healed the boy (17:18–23).
7. The widow knew Elijah was a prophet of God, and in the end she, too, worshipped Elijah's God (17:24).

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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

We must think: How can you show in your home and everywhere you go that you are a light that shows the way to Jesus? **Make a few suggestions to get the class talking, eg:** What about doing your household tasks without grumbling?

End the lesson with a prayer asking God to help the class shine their light.



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