

NXTGEN

Glow

SHINE BRIGHT
WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS

PARENT'S GUIDE

LEVEL 1
AGES 4-5

This Christmas season, kids will discover how Jesus is the Light of the World - a light that shines in the darkness and invites us to follow, worship, and reflect Him. From the shepherds' first encounter with the angels to the Magi's long journey and Jesus' own teaching, kids will learn that God's light leads us, changes us, and shines through us for others to see. May your family glow the light of Jesus using L.E.A.P.:

LEARN TOGETHER:

Explore God's Word and discover how to follow Him beyond what's easy or familiar.

ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION:

Talk about what God is teaching. Every question and thought matters!

APPLY IN DAILY LIFE:

Help your child live out their faith in simple, everyday ways.

PRAY TOGETHER:

Stay connected to God as you pray for strength and guidance.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON IS FOCUSED ON:

Date:	December 28, 2025
Passage:	Matthew 5:14-16
Big Idea:	Jesus is the Light of the World
Memory Verse:	John 8:12 ICB I am the light of the world.

LEARN TOGETHER



BACKGROUND OF THE LESSON

Welcome to the last lesson of the year! Today, we are talking about something very special. Imagine you are holding a little lantern in a dark room. Your lantern can show the way, help others see, and even make people feel safe. That's what Jesus wants us to be.

A long time ago, people lived without streetlights, flashlights, or electric lights. When the sun went down, it was very dark, and even small lamps were needed to see inside houses or on the streets. People placed lamps on stands or tables so that the whole room could be lit, and no one would trip or stumble. Jesus used the lamp on a stand example to help people understand that following Him is not just for us. It's meant to help others see God's love clearly.

In our Bible story today, Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells His followers, "You are the light of the world." He also says, "A lamp is not put under a basket, but on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house." The lamp metaphor shows that God's light is meant to be shared, not hidden. Just like a lamp helps people see in a dark room, our lives can show God's love, kindness, and truth to others.

Even small actions, like sharing, smiling, praying, or helping someone, are like little sparks that glow in the dark. And when we all shine together in 2026, we make the world brighter and safer for everyone.

LOOK UP & READ

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ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION



SUGGESTED DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What does it feel like to hold a light in a dark room? How is that like following Jesus?
- What makes it hard sometimes to shine God's light? How can Jesus help?
- How does praying, singing, or thanking Jesus help your light shine brighter?
- How can our family or friends work together to shine God's light to others?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

The world can sometimes feel dark because people make wrong choices. That's what the Bible calls sin. Sin is when we disobey God, hurt others, or forget to love. That darkness can make us feel alone, scared, or sad. But God has a plan to bring light into our lives. He sent Jesus, the Light of the World, to show us the right way and to shine hope where there is darkness.

Jesus came to take away the darkness of sin by living a perfect life, dying on the cross, and then coming back to life! His death and resurrection make it possible for us to be forgiven and to shine His light from inside our hearts. When we follow Jesus, we are not living in darkness anymore. The Gospel shows us that Jesus' light can shine through all the darkness of the world and through our hearts too. This Christmas and the new year, we can all glow for Jesus and help others see His amazing love.

APPLY IN DAILY LIFE



LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

We will glow with God's love for God by _____.

OBEY GOD'S WORD & AUTHORITIES

We will read God's Word together and shine His light by _____.

VOLUNTEER

We will serve together as a family by _____ (helping at church, sharing food, visiting someone).

ENGAGE THE FAMILIES

We will shine the light of the world together as a family by _____.

SUGGESTED FAMILY ACTIVITY

Glowing Year – On New Year's Eve, look back on God's faithfulness to your family in the past year. Share how you will continue to shine the light of the world in 2026.

PRAY TOGETHER



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Dear Jesus, thank You for Your love and faithfulness to our family in the past year. Many things have come and gone, but You remain the bright light in our lives. You guide us and direct us to live a life pleasing to You. Help us stay faithful to You in the next year, and help us lead other families to You as well. We love You, Lord. We praise You. Amen.