

Pathways to Discipleship – Elementary Children



September – Peace

Week 3 – Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020 – The Light of the World

Weekly Introduction:

This month, our theme for Pathways to Discipleship is Peace. Each week we will learn about a different aspect of God's Peace. The first week, we learned that God is the source of peace. Last week, we learned that prayer is a way we can feel God's peace. This week, we will learn how we can show God's peace.

Read Aloud:

This scripture comes from another part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' most famous sermon. In this story, Jesus tells the people who are listening, "You are the light for the World." In church, we talk about the light of God that is in all of us. Jesus asks us to make sure that light shines brightly, so that the world can see it. When we let our light shine, it helps others to shine their light. When we are a light for the world, we show people that God loves them and God gives them peace. Sharing our light is a way we can show God's peace to other people.

There are many ways we can shine our light. We can talk about God and tell stories about Jesus (like when Jesus calmed the storm) or we can pray to God and Jesus (like when Jesus taught his friends and us to pray). All of these things are ways that our light shines outward.

When you listen or read the words of the story, they may sound familiar to you. You may know the song, "This Little Light of Mine." The song is based on today's Bible story. The song, like our story, tells us to "Let it Shine, Let it Shine, Let it Shine." The song reminds us that we should not cover or hide our light. God made us a light for the world and we are to share this gift with everyone we meet. When we share our light we share God's peace with the world.

Scripture Lesson:

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Families can also sing and learn the words to "This Little Light of Mine."

Questions for Engagement

Kindergarteners to 2nd Grade

- Who is the light for the world?
- Who makes us light and give us peace?
- How can we let our light shine?

3rd Grade – 5th Grade

- What does it mean for us to be the light for the world?
- Who gives us this light and who gives us peace?
- The bible story tell us not to cover our light. Share times when you have not let your light shine and times when you have let your light shine.
- We heard in our story that good deeds make God happy and allow your light to shine. What are some good deeds you can do to let your light shine?

Prayer *(repeat after me)*

Dear God, Thank you for your light. Help us to let our light shine every day. Remind us to show others that they have your light inside of them. Help us to remember to “Let it Shine, Let it Shine, Let it Shine.” Amen.

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