



**Mission: Possible! Sunday School Lesson:
Children 1 (ages 4-7)**



Let Your Light Shine

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Teacher, thank you for participating in the **Mission: Possible!** Missions Week by teaching this lesson. This lesson is meant to be a guide to helping children understand that even the smallest of us can make a difference in the world around us. There are some [\[instructions\]](#)

and suggestions, including **Ask** questions. These are meant to be guides only. Share your experience on the **Mission: Possible! Facebook Group** (www.facebook.com/groups/omgmp/). Have fun! Make it your own!

Getting Ready to Teach!

Resources you will need

- Two Flashlights:
One with masking tape covering the front so light won't shine through.
The other without any tape. Make sure the batteries are fresh in both lights.
- Colored pencils or crayons

Optional resources

- Glow sticks or key chain lights for students to take home to remind them to be a light for Jesus. These items might be purchased at a dollar store, if one is available.
- Coloring page with scripture
- Songs: "This Little Light of Mine"
- Video: "Douglas Talks: Letting Your Light Shine" [6:19]

www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-EDzu3oeIo

Downloadable resources

- Audio: Pronunciation of Good Morning in Sinhala ([Audio File](#))
- Video: "This Little Light of Mine (with hand motions)" [1:38]
www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8mok6oWXyk

Activities in this lesson

1. Don't hide the light!
2. Singing "This Little Light of Mine!"
3. Coloring page with scripture

Suggestions

- Play music of children singing from a different country as the children arrive.
- The "Douglas Talks: Letting Your Light Shine" video is a great lesson supplement or alternative lesson in a quick six minutes.

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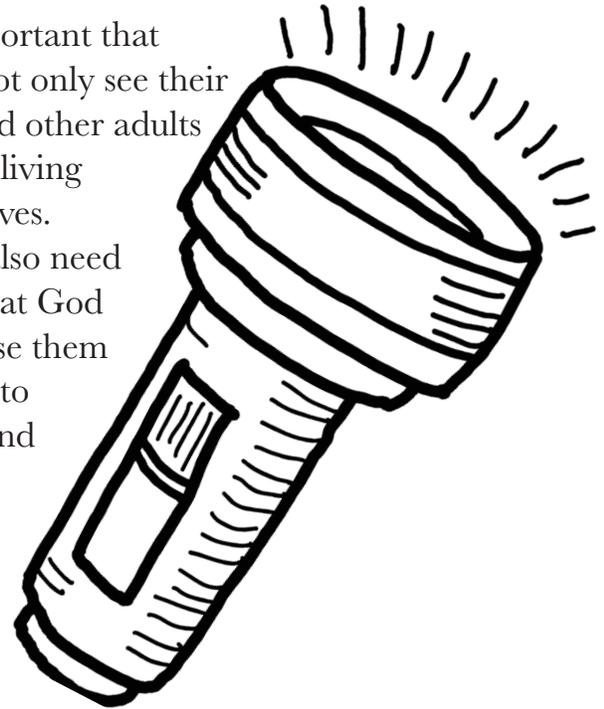


Bible Background

In the early teachings of Jesus, he traveled throughout the region of Galilee teaching in the synagogues and announcing the good news about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus healed every kind of disease and illness. Large crowds began to follow him wherever he went.

One day, as he saw the crowds gathering, he went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him and he began to teach them. Jesus told the crowd how to live obedient lives that glorify God. In part of his teaching, Jesus explained that we who believe in him are the “Light of the World.” Children especially need to see Christians living a life that glorifies God.

It’s important that children not only see their parents and other adults and youth living obedient lives. Children also need to know that God wants to use them to be light to those around them.



The Greeting

[Set up your class area with needed resources for today’s lesson.]

Greet each child coming into class in Sinhala. (pronounced sing-hala, one of the languages in Sri Lanka)]

- “Suba udesanak – Good morning!”
[Pronunciation: **Su•ba oo•des•a•nock**.
Listen to the audio of how to say *suba udesanak*, available]
- That means “Good morning!” in Sinhala.

Lesson Introduction

Ask: Who can tell me what a missionary is?

- A missionary is a person who God sends away from where he or she lives to tell people about Jesus. Sometimes, a missionary goes very far away to a different country.

Ask: Why does a missionary go and tell people about Jesus?

- One of the reasons missionaries go is because Jesus teaches us to be light in the world!



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Activity 1: Don't hide the light!

[Show the class the two flashlights, one with the light covered and one without it covered.]

Discussion

Ask: Do you know what a flashlight is?

Ask: Do you have one at home?

Ask: Have you used a flashlight before or maybe seen your parents use a flashlight?

Ask: What did you or your parents use the flashlight for?

Ask: Which flashlight would be better to use if you had to find something you lost in a dark room?

[Allow a few children to explain why they think one would work better than the other.]

[Explain that the one that has its light covered would not be good to use because you can't see its light.]

[Turn on the flashlight so they can see the light doesn't shine through. Then turn on the other flashlight.]

• Wow! That's a bright light!

Ask: How many think you will be able to find your lost item with this flashlight?

• This reminds me of what Jesus was teaching his disciples one day from the gospel of Matthew, chapter 5. [Read one of the versions below or another you might prefer.]

Matthew 5:14-16

New King James Version

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp-stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

New Living Testament

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.



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Lesson Follow-up

- We know we won't glow in the dark like this flashlight, but when we are obedient to our parents and teachers, when we are sharing and being kind, our light is shining for Jesus.
- Others will want to follow Jesus too. But if we don't shine the love of Jesus to others like this flashlight, [show the one covered in tape] then others will continue to be lost in darkness.

Ask: Why is it important to shine our light?

- So others will know Jesus!
- When we have Jesus living in our hearts and we are obedient to do what he asks us, we are like a shining light to help others to know him and how to live for him.

My Prayer Today

[Have the children repeat after you.]

Heavenly Father,

I want my light to shine for you.

Please help me to be like a bright light shining the love of Jesus for all to see.

In Jesus name, Amen! 🌈

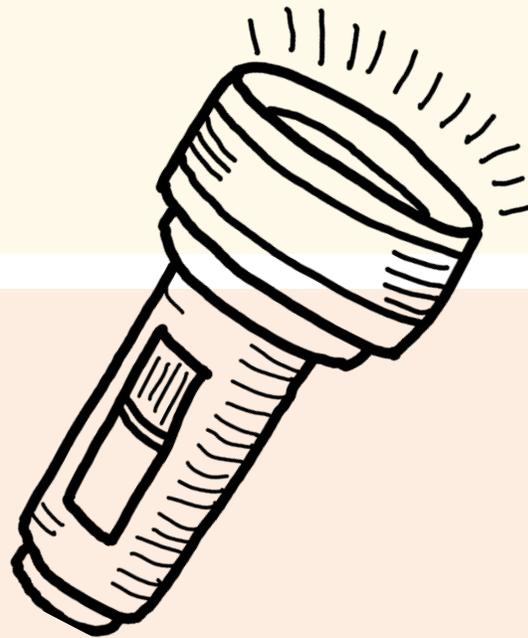
Activity 2: "This Little Light of Mine!"

[Have song cued to where it will start, or just lead the children in singing the song.]

Sing the Song "This little Light of Mine" with actions.]

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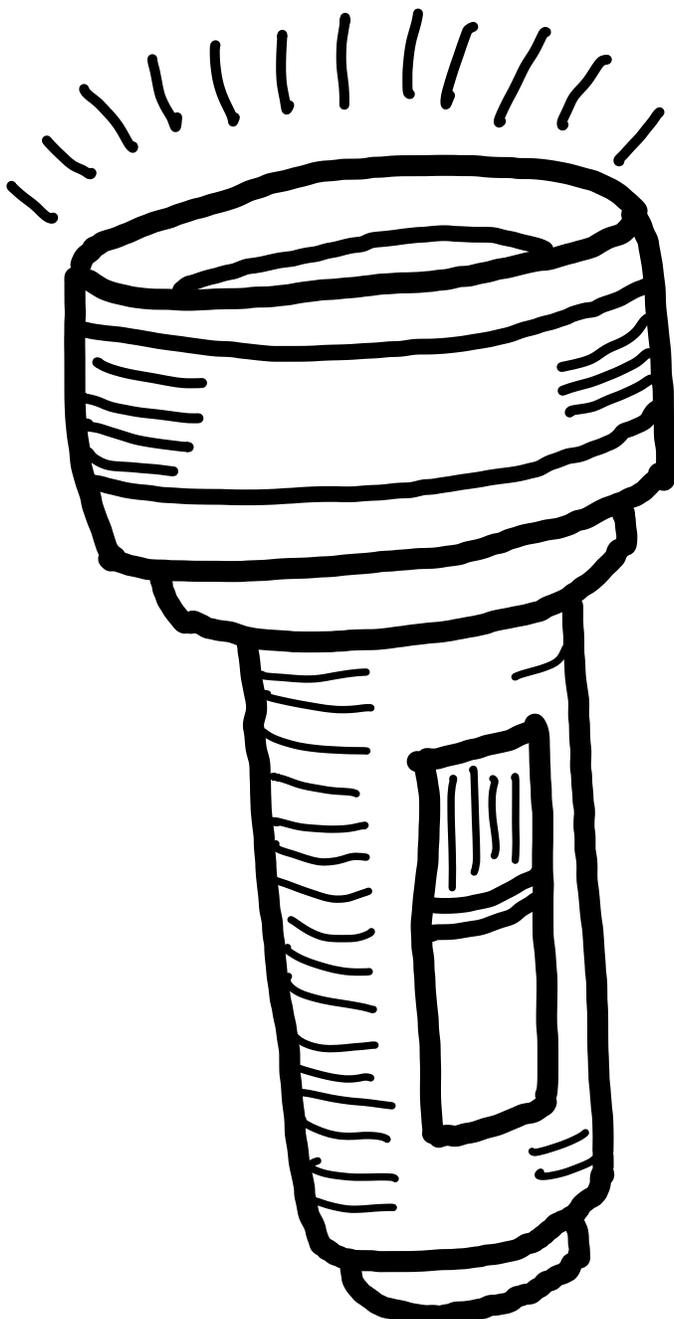
- Raise your hand if you are going to be a bright light for Jesus!





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Activity 3: Coloring Page with scripture



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