



Have you ever been somewhere where it was so dark you couldn't even see your hand in front of your face? No light shining under the door. No stars in the sky. No screen glaring back at you. Just darkness. So much darkness that you have to shuffle slowly, stumbling your way across the room with arms stretched out, hoping, searching . . . and then finally, with the flip of a switch, LIGHT! Light changes everything.

This month, we're talking about light, but not just any light. We're talking about Jesus—the light of the WORLD—and how when we do what Jesus says, we shine. We shine the light of Jesus! After this month, we hope every time you and your preschoolers see a lamp or a star-filled sky, you remember that people were made to shine, and we have Jesus—the light of the world—to show us how. So let's not hide our light. Let's SHINE and light up the dark so others can see their way to Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

Let your light shine.
Matthew 5:15

Bottom Line

I can do what Jesus says.

SHINE!

Week 1

Light of the World

Matthew 5:1-2, 14-16

Jesus wants to be friends with everyone, everywhere.

Week 2

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus says to tell others about him.

Week 3

The Early Church

Acts 2:42-47, John 15:12,
Hebrews 10:24

Jesus says to love like Him.

Week 4

Shine Like the Stars

Philippians 2: 14-16

I shine when I do what Jesus says!

Shine!

Preschool
Week 1

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

Jesus says to let my light shine. Jesus says that we are the light of the world. We can shine our light to show the world that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We all have the choice to either hide or shine our light, and we want preschoolers to know that when they do what Jesus says and they shine their light so others can see Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

Let your light shine.
Matthew 5:16

Bottom Line

I can do what Jesus says.

BIBLE TRUTH

Light of the World
Matthew 5:1-2, 14-16

NOTES

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for audio and visual slides.
- You will do rules, worship and the Bible verse from the stage, and the Bible story will be on video.

Preschool Teaching Outline: Week 1

Start at 25 after

1. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited
2. Room Rules
3. Worship
4. Friend Around the World : One Child
5. Intro: 1-2 minutes
 - a. Shine
6. Bible Lesson Video: Light of the World
7. Application
 - a. I can do what Jesus says.
 - b. "Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16
8. Prayer
9. Big Group Game:

LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES

10. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour

WELCOME

Welcome boys and girls. I'm so glad you're here! Before we get started with today's lesson, let's review our room rules so that we can have a fun day!

RULES

Show Graphic: Preschool Rules

Let's put on our moose antlers and call our friend Dan-o to help us. (Thumbs on either side of your head with fingers splayed.) Daaaaaan-ooooo! (Have kids participate as you do motions.)

- The first rule is: be a friend! (Give yourself a hug as you say the rule.)
- Rule number two is: be safe! (Do baseball gesture for safe.)
- The next rule is: be a good listener! (Cup your ears.)
- Rule number four is: take care of the room and the toys! (Shake your finger while you say the rule.)
- The last rule is: join in! (Spread your arms wide and bring them in.) Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship.

WORSHIP

Ok, let's all join in right now and stand up for worship. Let's do our best singing so we can let God know how much we love Him!

Show Worship: I Like To

Show Worship: Let Your Light Shine

Great job friends! You can sit right down.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World- One Child

We have friends here in the room, friends in our schools, friends in our neighborhoods, but did you know that we have friends all over the world? Here at Flatirons, we do this really cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month we learn more about our friends in different places so we can pray for them and give our money to help them with the things they need. Those are both ways to show we love them!

This month, we're learning about our friends at One Child. One Child asked if we could raise money to help the boys and girls buy school supplies and pay to put windows in their classroom. When you bring in money to give to our Friends Around the World, you're helping kids on the other side of the world be able to go to school and have school supplies.

If you brought money this week, bring it up now and put it in our Friends Around the World container. (Collect offering.)

Show Song: Friends Around the World- One Child

Thank you so much for taking care of our friends!

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World- One Child

Another way we can help our friends is by praying for them. Let's pray! Dear God, thank you for our friends around the world. Please take really good care of our friends at One Child. Help them have all they need. Amen!

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Shine

Hello, friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! Why? Because we're going to learn about how we can do what Jesus says! Our story begins with Jesus. Jesus is very special because Jesus is God's Son. Let's visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear something Jesus taught His friends, the disciples, when they were on a mountain.

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK1_Shine

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Shine

Wow! Every time you do what Jesus says, you shine your light. And Jesus says to shine your light so the world can see that Jesus loves them and He wants to be their friend forever, just like Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever!

Bible Verse

(Open Bible.) Look, there is even a Bible verse to remind us!

Show Verse: "Let your light Shine." Matthew 5:16

Let's all stand up and say that with motions. Follow me.

**"Let your (point forward with both index fingers)
light (raise both hands and twinkle fingers)
Shine" (twinkling fingers moving out)
Matthew 5:16 (Open hands like a book)**

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, then have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold hands, and close their eyes.)

Great job, everybody! Let's pray.

PRAYER

"Dear God, we want to do what Jesus says. We want to shine our light so everyone can see that Jesus loves them and He wants to be their friend forever. Please help us shine. You're the best, God, and we love You! In Jesus' name, amen.

BIG GROUP GAME

In our Bible Story today, Jesus said for us to shine our light. When you are kind to people, you shine your light so people can see that Jesus is kind. When you forgive people, you shine your light so people can see that Jesus forgives. When we do what Jesus says, people can see that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever.

Let's play a game to help us remember to shine our lights! I have some things that shine light and some things that do not shine light. I need you to help me put all of the things that shine light inside this basket and all of the things that do not shine light outside of the basket. I'll show you an item. If it shines light I want you to hold you light up high like this (wave your index finger high in the air). If it doesn't shine light, I want you cover your light (cover your index finger with your other hand)

Ready? Let's play! (Hold up 1 item at a time.) Does this shine light? (pause for answer) Great job! Let's see what's next.

(Continue with all items.) Yay! We did it!

CIRCLE TIME

Great job! Now it's Circle Time! When you hear the music walk slowly to a circle and sit right down.

Show Countdown: Small Group

Show Countdown: 10 minutes