



MONTHLY OVERVIEW

In 1967, a new toy was introduced to the world, and on the box were these words:

Create Beautiful Pictures With . . . Light.

It was the LiteBrite®! The LiteBrite was an instant hit and has remained such a favorite for all these years that families are still having fun making pictures with light.

This month, we're talking about a different kind of bright light. We're talking about THE light that God sent into the world to shine bright for all the world to see. And THIS light has a name. His name is Jesus! Each time we choose to love like Jesus, we become a bright light. Just like each LiteBrite peg lights up to make a picture, each and every act of love is a bright light that makes a beautiful picture for the world to see Jesus.

<p>WEEK ONE</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Jesus is the Light John 1:4-5, 8:12, 9:5</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS Jesus is the light of the world.</p>
<p>WEEK TWO</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY The Man at the Pool John 5:1-9</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS Jesus is a light for everyone.</p>
<p>WEEK THREE</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Jesus Gives a New Command John 13:34-35; Luke 18:15-16, 19:1-10; John 4:1-30</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS Jesus said to love one another.</p>
<p>WEEK FOUR</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY We Are the Light Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 8:26-35</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS I am a light when I love like Jesus.</p>
<p>WEEK FIVE</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY Tabitha Helps* Acts 9:36-42</p>	<p>STORY FOCUS I love like Jesus when I help others.</p>

**Monthly Story for Toddler Curriculum*

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
<p>"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." MATTHEW 5:14, NIV</p>	<p>WHO CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS?</p>	<p>I CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS.</p>

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.



Preschool Large Group

September 2024

Week 1

Story Focus:

Jesus is the Light of the World. God sent Jesus to be the Light of the World. Jesus is not a light like a nightlight or a glow stick. Jesus is a light that helps us see how amazing God is. When Jesus helped people, He was a bright light showing us how God helps people. When Jesus forgave people, He was a bright light showing us how God forgives people. When Jesus loved people, He was a bright light showing us how God loves people and how we can love people too.

MEMORY VERSE

“You are the light of the world.”

Matthew 5:14

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus is the Light of the World

John 1:4-5, 8:12, 9:5

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

1. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited
2. Room Rules
3. Worship
4. Friends Around the World: Life in Abundance (LIA)
5. Intro: 1-2 minutes
 - a. Light Bright
6. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus is the Light**
7. Application
 - a. I can love like Jesus.
 - b. “You are the light of the world,” Matthew 5:14 NIV
8. Prayer
9. Big Group Game:

LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES

10. Small Groups: 10-15 minutes



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September 2024 Week 1

WELCOME

Hi friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! 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: Super Wonderful

Show Worship: Praise the Lord

Great job, friends! You can sit right down.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World – LIA

Here in Kids Ministry, we do this really cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month we help one of our friends with a special project in their community. This month, we're partnering with our friends at Life in Abundance, or LIA. Does anyone know where our friends at Life In Abundance live? (South Sudan) That's right, South Sudan! That's a country in Africa.

In October, we'll have the chance to pack ONE MILLION MEALS to send to our friends with LIA! You get to be a part of this project! At the end of October, our entire church will come together to pack food that'll be sent to South Sudan, our friends in communities that don't have much access to food. Our friends in South Sudan will have a chance to receive healthy meals that will help them to learn and grow. Your money this month will help our friends prepare and ship food to them. Let's check out this video!

Show Video: Friends Around the World LIA

If you brought in money this week, bring it up now and put it in our offering container.

Show Song: Friends Around the World LIA

Thank you so much for taking care of our friends! Life in Abundance asked us to pray for South Sudan. Praying is a great way to show others we love them. I challenge you this week to take time to pray with our families for South Sudan.

If you brought in money this week, bring it up now and put it in our offering container.

Show Song: Friends Around the World LIA

Thank you so much for taking care of our friends! Life in Abundance asked us to pray for South Sudan. Praying is a great way to show others we love them. Let's pray. 'Dear God, thank you for our friends around the world. Please take extra good care of them. Help them have all they need. Amen!' I challenge you this week to pray with your families for South Sudan.

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Light Bright

Hello friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! We are here to worship Jesus because Jesus is the Light of the World, and Jesus loves us! We can be bright lights, too, when we love like Jesus. I can't wait to share a true story from the Bible with you. Today's true story from the Bible begins with . . . YOU! Let's visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear all about it!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK1

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Light Bright

I'm so glad God sent Jesus to be the Light of the World and show us how to love others. We can all love like Jesus.

Bible Verse

(Open Bible.) In the Bible, we read about how much God loves us, and we can remember that we are God's children.

Show Verse: Matthew 5:14

Let's learn our Memory Verse, Matthew 5:14. Watch me say it with the motions; then you can do it with me! Ready? Stand up and follow me!

“You (point to others)
are the light (twinkle fingers)
of the world,” (make a circle overhead with your arms)

Matthew 5:14 (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

God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Jesus showed us how to love others. Help us to be bright lights and love like Jesus everywhere we go. We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

Great job! Now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Use your walking feet and find your small group.

Show Graphic: Small Group