

**April 21, 2024**

**Monthly Bible Story:** Light of the World • *Matthew 5:1-2, 14-16*

**Bible Words:** "Let your light shine." *Matthew 5:16, NIV*

**Bottom Line:** You can do what Jesus says.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

## **Story Time**

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**What You Need:** Preschool Bible and "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

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### **LEADER:**

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor.

Today's true story from the Bible *(hold up the Bible)* begins when Jesus told

His friends, the disciples, *(hold up the picture of Jesus and the disciples)*

'You are the light of the world.' You can be a light too." *(Say each child's name as you draw them as a smiley face)*

"When you are kind, *(start drawing a heart around the smiley faces)* when

you forgive, *(hold up the picture of children hugging/apologizing)* when you

share, *(hold up the picture of children sharing a toy)* and when you help,

*(hold up the picture of a brother getting something from a shelf for his sister)*

your light shines and people can see that Jesus is kind, He helps, and He shares. When you do what Jesus says, YOU shine your light so people can see that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. YOU can do that! **[Bottom Line] You can do what Jesus says.**"