

Chapter 1 : Children's object lesson - Let your light shine | Lectionary

*In the same way, sin can dull our shine as lights for Jesus Christ. Our lives which once sparkled with the joy of Christ can become clouded with a love for things of this world. Before you can be a light to others, take a look at your own life.*

The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world. String of Christmas lights, or two or three Luminaria. A Luminaria is made of brown paper lunch bags with a little bit of sand in the bottom. A safe tea-light can be place inside to give out light. Luminarias would be fun for the children to make in a classroom later. At Christmas Time, people of the southwestern part of the United States often line their driveways with simple Luminarias. In the old days, each Luminaria had a small candle inside, but today, we use safe battery-operated tea-lights shine from inside. At Christmas time, we see lights everywhere: Christmas is sometimes called a time of light. An interesting thing about darkness and light is that light drives away the darkness. If you have ever been in the Carlsbad Caverns of New Mexico, you will discover that there is a place where everyone stops in a safe place and the guide turns out the lights. But, when the guide strikes a match and that tiny light pushes back the darkness and you can see the people around you. You can even see stalagmites and stalactites not far away. Such a small light can drive away the darkness. The Bible calls evil darkness. Jesus, son of God, was born as a tiny baby. He grew up in a carpenter shop, and learned how to work. He also began to share all he knew about God with others. He even told them one time that they were to be lights in the world. Jesus is our Savior and his light pushes back the darkness. Let the children respond, and have prayer. Dear Jesus, he Bible tells us you came to earth as a tiny baby to bring light to the darkness. You grew up to be our Savior.

**Chapter 2 : 21 Top Bible Verses about Light - Beautiful Scriptures**

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Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us Shine on me, shine on me. It was sung at the Dunblane memorial service. It became one of the "folk songs" of Spring Harvest lore. Even the Pope has swung his cane in time to the music! But "Shine Jesus Shine" has also been vilified by a wide range of critics. Writing in Alpha magazine Kendrick wrote, "Polarised views are easier to report and the spirit of the age thrives on division and provokes us to adopt adversarial poses. Without love and respect for one another surely whichever type of music we make is but clanging gongs and tinkling cymbals. Dismissive terms have the effect of drawing a line on the floor and expecting us to jump either side of it. Well I for one am not going to jump. If the happy-clappy label is being awarded then I hope I qualify! I will not apologise for following in the tradition of the apostle James 4: Mind you, please give me a label also for praying when I am in trouble, in the exact same tradition, of course, and for the times when I must weep with those who weep. I remember writing the three verses without the chorus and road-testing them. Later, I came back to a phase of songwriting and I pulled it out again. I quickly concluded that actually this was not a complete song. All it had was three verses - and it needed a chorus. The chorus fell into place surprisingly naturally. But even then it took a while to mature. So the tempo of verse and chorus seemed to pull against one another. It was only through use that it actually began to settle down. As I worked on it with my band, an arrangement and a way of doing it took shape. Then it started to feel like a complete song. And I still had no idea at all of its potential success. Whenever they sang it, they sang it for their own country. For my generation, such a widespread spiritual impact had almost seemed too big to contemplate. Decades of decline in the Church had produced a siege mentality and it had become quite hard to imagine the nation being touched by the Gospel. But faith was rising towards that, and the song was carried on a wave of prayer. It was very Jesus-focused. Is there something about it that fails to expound the truth, exalt Jesus or offer an emphasis on something important? Someone told me about a church in Australia that had become very dry. Very little was happening. The more they sang it, the more the Spirit of God started to move. At the very least it seemed that God turned up just when they were singing it! I often wish that I had the knowledge to look into how music presses certain buttons in the heart and mind. A key part of my road testing is to submit songs to friends at Ichthus. Faith Forster has been a particularly helpful editor of songs. All these things contribute to the songwriting process. Many worship writers are based in a movement or church that has a very definite direction and all the checks and balances are in place to protect, preserve and provoke them. All those elements are vital. In Kendrick was asked whether he thought "Shine Jesus Shine" was going to achieve the popularity it has. The song was used and there seemed to be something special about it, but over the years it has developed its own identity. Any expressed views were accurate at the time of publishing but may or may not reflect the views of the individuals concerned at a later date.

**Chapter 3 : Shine a Light: Hair, There, and Everywhere â€“ Jesus In Every Moment**

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February 1, Has anyone ever stared at you? First, understand I have naturally curly hair. For some reason my hair started to develop some loose natural curl. My family was headed out of town for the day and about halfway to our destination we stopped a Sheetz, a well-known Western Pennsylvania convenience store chain, for rations and the restroom. There are two kinds of people reading this right now. You can probably even smell the cappuccinos right now. After applying yet another coat of fresh lip gloss I was about to leave the said nice restroom, when it happened. Her eyes got wide as she looked at me. I looked at the grey tiled floor, white walls to avoid eye contact. Finally, I took a step backwards, and she seemed to remember I was not a museum display. Can I touch it? She said she had always admired curly hair, and loved how curly mine was. This was both awkward and flattering at the same time. I went with flattering, enjoying being in the spotlight, and had a good laugh. She thanked me, and we went on our way. After grabbing the necessary rations pretzels and gummy Swedish fish candy we made our way to the checkout line. Then it happened again. I could feel someone staring at me. She was right behind me and HAD to touch my hair again. Then she explained her fascination. She said all of her life she tried everything to get curly hair. She spent countless hours and money on all kinds of perms, and her hair refused to take any curl. So, she resigned herself to living with the short straight hair and admiring those of us who had the curl. She said I seemed like I was nice so she just had to ask to touch it earlier. She apologized if it seemed weird. I happen to like weird, and flattery will get you everywhere with me, so I was enjoying this now, and made sure she got to touch my curls one more time. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. I hope it was Jesus shining through me. The curly hair was just the thing that grabbed her attention. She gave me A Jesus Moment by reminding me to treasure what God has given me. Sometimes simply spreading the joy of Jesus does more than any conversation can. How do you shine? You may not be the center of attention type, but you still shine. Every time you open the door for someone, pick up a piece of garbage, change yet another diaper while soothing a crying infant, give extra time at work that you may think goes unnoticed, or even let someone ahead of you in a busy checkout line, you shine. You have something unique about you, and God will use it to draw the right people to you, if you let Him. Embrace who He made you to be right where you are. Emily Furda I love hearing from you! Have you ever had a hair-raising experience like this? Have you ever had the opportunity to share some light and joy when you least expected it?

## Chapter 4 : The Light Divine

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and."*

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and give you proper credit for all your accomplishments. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. As Christians, we have received the Light of His Kingdom, but that light is not meant solely for our private edification. The Kingdom of God is not like model railroading, something you do quietly in the basement and demonstrate only if visitors happen to inquire about it. The Kingdom of God is like a light that you set out on a stand so the whole room can be illuminated. What is the purpose of lighting the whole room? Is it so outsiders can marvel at our housekeeping, at the trophies in the case, at the certificates on the wall, or at our own personal beauty? No, it is none of those things. The purpose of illuminating the room is to let outsiders see the light and marvel at the One who gives it. If we misuse the light that Jesus gave us to attract attention to ourselves, it immediately backfires, since we are flawed creatures with faults and sins. When we ask outsiders to admire us for our fine character or our family values or our lack of vices, they immediately see beyond our words to our personal failings and they count it all as hypocrisy. The light that reveals the d? So they deride the gospel we preach. We retreat then into the basement of our soul and run our spirituality around in little circles under a bare light bulb, like a model train. Our Christian profession becomes a holy hobby, disconnected from our lives. It runs in circles, taking us nowhere. We have taken our light and put it under a bowl. Before long the flame gutters and goes out. Therefore we should not use the light to draw attention to ourselves, but to draw attention to the light. We invite people in to marvel at the light, not at our personal attractiveness, not at our housekeeping, and not at the decorations on our walls. It is the light we proclaim, not ourselves as revealed by the light. Since we draw their attention to the light, they look past our disheveled household to marvel at the illumination. Then they all go away amazed and determined to get electricity for their own houses. When outsiders see the light of God shining despite our sins and flaws, they will marvel, they will find hope for themselves, and they will be transformed. So we do not put our light under a bowl, where it will be extinguished, but on a stand so it will illuminate the whole house. Not so that people will see the house, which is a mess, but the light, which is a marvel. Jesus has no secret truths, no private teachings that should only be passed down to those who are qualified. While it is true that He wanted to keep certain of His teachings secret during His earthly ministryâ€”such as His identity as the Messiahâ€”the secrecy was only temporary until all things were complete. By keeping some things secret, He kept control over the timetable of events. But after the Resurrection, there is no more need for secrecy! Today He wants His disciples to reveal all things when they teach. While it is true that there are tricks of the trade, if you will, and pastoral insights that are passed down through the generations of Christian leaders, there are no secret doctrines. If anyone claims in these late days to be privy to secret teachings of Jesus that only worthy Christians can learn, watch out! There are no secret teachings, neither ancient ones nor modern ones nor newly discovered ones. But one thing is very clear. Any claim that you are worthy to receive a secret teaching is an appeal to your vanity, because it tells you that you are somehow better or at least more eligible than others. This alone reveals the spiritual fraud, for the Spirit of God never appeals to your vanity. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Nothing is hidden; nothing is withheld, for all is made public. We must set the mysteries of our faith as a lamp upon a stand, to light up the whole room, so that all may hear, so that all may see, so that all may believe, and so that all may be saved. Collins and his licensors. You can get permission to use this material. Most marked quotations are under copyright. See the Copyright Notices for details.

*the light of Jesus within us to shine. But we are called to let Let's talk about what we believe about Jesus. In a moment, Jesus Teaches That We Are to Be.*

By Jason Jackson Christ is the sole light that radiates divine truth and sustains life. True to Messianic prediction, the gospel message of Christ glows, shining forth into the world Isaiah He is the true light that enlightens men John 1: Lenski, Commentary on the New Testament: As a city on a hill cannot be hidden, and as a lamp is lit to provide illumination for the house, so Christians are to let their lights shine in the world. They must convey moral purity and divine truth through their lives to a watching world. Implicitly, Christ noted that his disciples may hide their lamps under baskets. This possibility, however, is incongruous with the nature and purpose of Christianity. The Christian presence is compromised by worldliness, by negativism, superficial judging, and hypercriticism 1 John 2: It is diminished on account of irresponsible social interaction " rudeness, arrogance, strife, and selfishness. The Christian light is likewise hidden through immaturity Hebrews 5: When Christ sends his followers into the world, he does recognize their human weaknesses. They do commit sins, but their lives no longer should be characterized by the habitual practice of sin 1 John 1: They must elevate their words and deeds in such a way that, more often than not, the world sees Christ in them. Such brings glory to God. Effective shining, however, is not merely moral restraint. Jesus explained the metaphor by saying that their brightness was equivalent to their good works that men behold. Therefore, their positive Christian actions shine forth into a world of darkness. By reflecting the influence of Christ in their lives, Christians lead others to glorify their Father who is in heaven. No sincere and humble Christian lives in vain. For this reason, Christians are sent forth to shine in the world. They need to shine in their families, in the congregation, in the work place, at play, and in everything they do. By their good works, they can guide, lead, and warn those within their circle of influence. The essence of life is summed up in these memorable words of Jesus: May the Lord help us to have a positive influence on those around us, and we pray that God will help us blaze a trail of optimism and hope " the hope of heaven.

**Chapter 6 : Lord The Light Of Your Love (Shine Jesus Shine) - Graham Kendrick Sheet Music | PraiseCha**

*The Bible says that we are to let our light shine, but we need to remember that "Our Light" is Jesus. We are not the light, we are just mirrors that reflect His light. If we are going to reflect the light of Jesus, we must remember a couple of things.*

All of these are good reasons for letting our lights shine! Since this light is so precious and so powerful, where and how are we to let it be seen? The cities in that day were often constructed out of white limestone. Imagine a limestone city sitting on top of a hill. The sun rises and reflects off that city. It could be seen for miles in the day time. It could not be hidden! When night falls, the moon would also light that city. Even if there was no moon to shine upon it, the lights of the city and in the windows of the houses could be seen for many miles around. It could not be hidden at night, either. It speaks of the influence of the church in the world around us. As a church we let our light shine by our standards, our style of worship and by the things we stand for. You can tell most everything you need to know about a church by the preaching they have; the Bible they use; the songs they sing and the activities they engage in. Like a city set on a hill we cannot be hidden! We either declare our stand for Jesus and we testify to His saving grace and power; or we take our stand with the world. It cannot be both ways! Baptist Church is to be a city set on a hill here in Lenoir. We are to be a vocal, visible, vibrant witness for the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of the gathering darkness of this town. God did not establish this church so that we could do our own thing and drift away from Him like so many other churches have. He established this church to be a light for Him in the darkness of this place. Are we fulfilling our mission? These were usually clay containers filled with olive oil in which was placed a piece of twisted flax to serve as a wick. Since most houses were windowless, an oil lamp was necessary for the occupants to be able to see. But, no one lit a lamp and then hid it under a basket. To do so would have been foolish! The lamp was lit so that the people in the house could receive the light and see other objects and people in the room. Just as a church has a testimony, so do you! Jesus saved us to be a light for Him. As He shines His light through us, those around us who are in darkness are helped to see their way to God. So many people think they have fulfilled their calling to be a witness when they head off to the church house. Friend, when you come in here, it is to worship Him and to be equipped to go out there. When you step through those back doors you are entering the mission field! We are to go out from this place into a dark, dead, deceived and doomed world and we are to tell them about a Savior Who loves them and will save them if they will come to Him by faith. That is our mandate, Mark That is our mission, Acts 1: Did you notice that Jesus spoke of some people who hid their candle under a bushel? People hide their light under all kinds of bushels. Some hide theirs under the bushel of fear, Ill. Joseph of Arimethaea, John A young man who became a Christian went off to a summer lumber camp to work. His pastor became concerned about him because he knew it would be a difficult situation to be a Christian, to be a light for the Lord. He said, You know, in fact, Preacher, none of them ever found out I was a Christian. What a tragic shape for a Christian to find themselves in! We need to have the heart the Rich Man in Hell had regarding the souls of his five brothers, Luke We ought to be consumed with the idea that people are dying without Jesus everyday! They are perishing and we hold in our hands that antidote! If we really cared, we would tell them about Him! When you do one of two things is going to happen. Either the basket will extinguish the candle, or the candle will consume the bushel! When Jesus is really in your life, you will have a difficult time hiding His light. A Hindu trader in India once asked a missionary, "What do you put on your face to make it shine? All of you who believe in Jesus seem to have it.

**Chapter 7 : Let Your Light Shine**

*Jesus is the light. Mankind as a whole is in darkness. Jesus is the real light of the world. In John we are told, ^In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the.*

**Chapter 8 : Shining Lights: What it means to let your light shine**

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew The Bible tells us that we should let our light shine so that people will see our good works and praise our heavenly Father.*

## Chapter 9 : Moment by Moment - Hymn Lyrics

*Let your light so shine among men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven." Matt. This familiar scripture verse rings out a challenge that is undiminished through the ages.*