

BRINGING HOPE TO OTHERS
BY REFLECTING JESUS

The

BIG

WEEKEND

TIME TO SHINE

HOLLYWOOD

LEADER BOOKLET

Why do you praise God? Tick

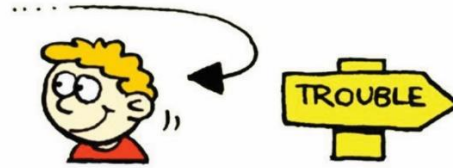
YES
NO

or

YES
NO

To stay out of trouble?

YES
NO



Because He told us to?



YES
NO



To be a good Christian?

YES
NO

Because He is G _____

(Fill in the missing letters to work out what the word is)

Great _O_V_E H__nest

C__eator Forg_ves H__LY

POWERF_L **__AVIOUR**

Which is the most important reason?

Aim: We praise God because He is glorious, and He deserves our praise.



- Let the children tick the reasons why they praise God. No need to discuss their answers.
- Complete the words and fill in “Because He is **GLORIOUS**”. Briefly discuss each:
 - **Great:** Psalm 145:3 tells us that God is so great that no one can fully understand just how great He is.
 - **Love:** 1 John 4:7-8 says God IS love. It’s who He is, not what He does. It does not depend on what you do, He just loves you.
 - **Honest:** Did you know that it is impossible for God to lie. That’s how perfect He is! (Hebrews 6:18)
 - **Creator:** Everything was made through His power and how beautiful that creation is! (Colossians 1:15)
 - **Forgives:** He is faithful to forgive our sins when we ask. (1 John 1:9)
 - **Holy:** This means that God is set apart from everyone else because He is so perfect. (1 Peter 1:16)
 - **Powerful:** Matthew 19:26 reminds us that nothing is impossible for God. Now that is powerful!
 - **Saviour:** Full discussion on the next page.

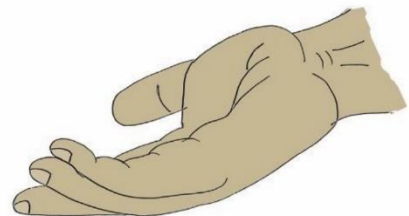
God is glorious because He is these things and so much more. When we realise how wonderful God is, all we can do is praise Him. **1 Chronicles 16:29 We praise God because He deserves it!**

A beautiful display of God's glory.

God wants a relationship with us.

But our SIN separates us from GOD

⁸ God showed His great love for us by sending Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners.   **Romans 5:8**



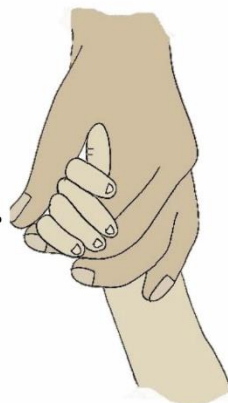
SIN

Cover
"SIN"
with
the
cross



¹⁴ The Father has sent the son to be the Saviour of the World.

1 John 4:14



⁹ If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9

Aim: God wants a relationship with us. Sin separates us from God. Jesus is the only way to the Father.

- **God**

God is perfect and has never ever done anything wrong. Even though God is more magnificent than we could ever be He wants a relationship with us. Not a relationship like a servant and master but as a child and perfect Father.

(demonstrate not a wagging finger but rather holding hands)

- **I have sinned**

Pull the hand away from the person you are holding as you say “Sin separates us from God’s Glory”. (Rom 3:23) A lie, anger, not obeying parents or disobeying God are all sins every one of us have done. The Bible reminds us that we have ALL sinned.

- **I am forgiven**

But God loves us. God made a way – and it is the ONLY way – for us to be with Him again. He sent us Jesus. Jesus, God’s very own son who became a man, died for our sins so that we could be forgiven. By believing in Jesus are relationship is restored.
(join hands again)

Get the children to stick the cross over the word “SIN”.

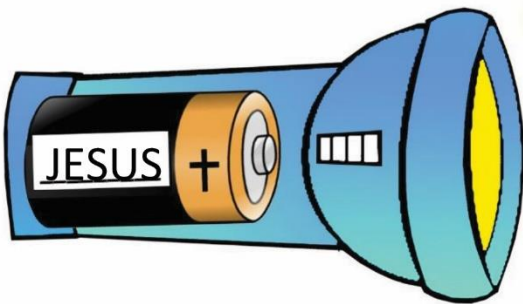
*Our relationship with God is **only** made right because of what Jesus did for us.*

God giving His son’s life to save us is the most beautiful display of God’s glory.



We have to believe in **Jesus** before we can **SHINE** for Him.

Read John 12:46 and fill in what Jesus wants you to do.

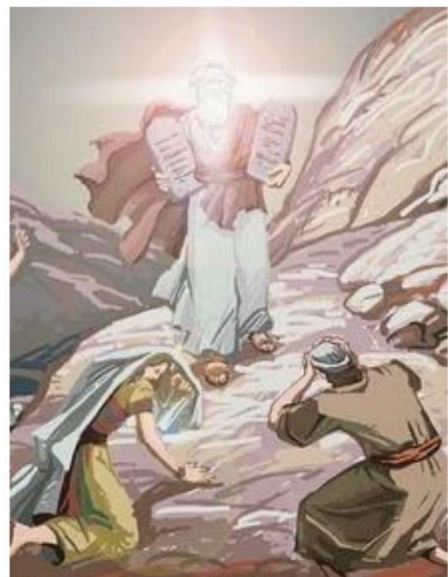


Jesus said:
"I have come as a light
to shine in this dark world
so that all who
will no
longer remain in the dark"

Have you chosen
Jesus as your...

savior? _____ Lord? _____

God's glory is often described as being like a bright light. When Moses spent time in God's presence he came back glowing. We need to spend time with Him so we can shine for Him too.



Aim: God wants us to be like a shining light for Him and the ONLY way we can do that is to first choose Him as our Saviour and Lord

- Read John 12:46 and fill in the words in bold.
46 I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who **put their trust in me** will no longer remain in the dark.
- *Ask:* In this verse
 - who is the light of the world? (*Jesus*)
 - What is the darkness? (*separation from God because of our sin*)
 - What must we do to not be in the darkness or separated from God anymore? (*put our trust in Jesus*)
- Have you chosen Jesus to be your saviour? If not would you like to do that now?
- Have you made Jesus LORD of your life? This means
 - We believe in Him and spend time with Him.
 - We make Him more important than anything else
 - We do what He asks us to do
 - We love Him and aim to live to please Him every day
- God's glory is often described as being like a great light. Just like Moses, when we make Jesus Lord of our lives others will be able to see God's glory.



*Knowing Jesus gives us **HOPE**.
We can bring hope to others.*



Draw where you would put your lamp to light up the whole room.

Read Matthew 5:15. Fill in the missing words.

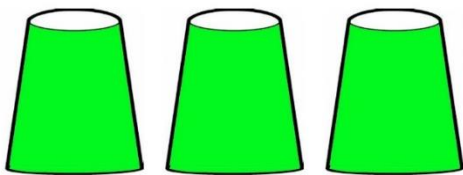
¹⁵ No one lights a _____ and then puts it under a _____. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to _____ in the house.



*Where can you show the **HOPE** we have from Jesus?*

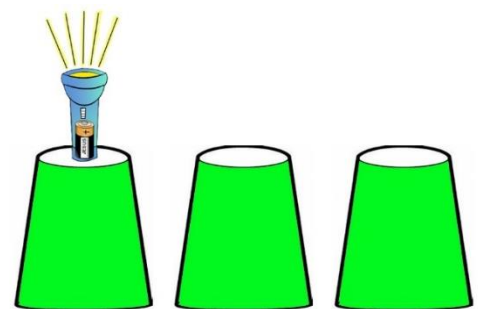
Aim: Jesus gives us hope, love, forgiveness etc We need to share these with others.

- Discuss with the children where the best place would be to put their lamp – under the chair, basket, on the couch. The whole room lights up if its put on the lamp stand.
- Read Matthew 5:15 and fill in 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.
- Perform the following object lesson



Turn on the mini torch and hide it under one of the three cups. Get the children to close their eyes as you shuffle the cups so that they do not know which cup the torch is under. Let them all call out their guesses.

Now shuffle the cups again but this time place the torch on top of one of the cups. We want it to be so obvious for others to see where they can find out about Jesus. About His love, His hope, His forgiveness. About how glorious He is.



- Children tick by the pictures where they are going to show the Hope of Jesus to others.

Can you imitate the people in the photos?



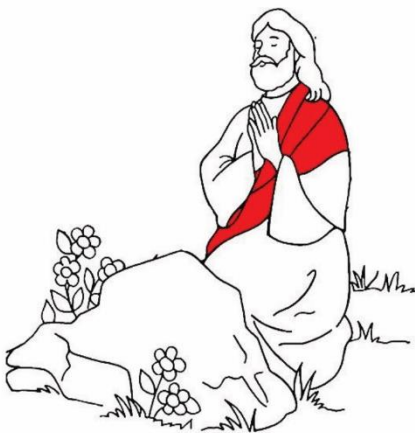
Read 1 Peter 2:21b and fill in what this means to you.

*Jesus is my _____, and I must
_____ in His steps. 🐾🐾🐾🐾*

*The Bible shows us ways to **IMITATE** Jesus.*

Jesus prayed.

My prayer to God is



Aim: Jesus is the perfect example. We need to imitate everything Jesus says and does.

- Help the children understand that the word “imitate” means to copy exactly as they try and copy the photos and each other.
- Read 1 Peter 2:21b and fill in:
Jesus is my **example** and I must **follow** in His steps.
- One of the most important ways we should imitate Jesus is the relationship He had with God His Father. Jesus spoke to God all the time. He would go off alone and spend ages just praying and talking to God. He would thank God, He would ask God for things and He would share what God said to Him, with others.
Do you think we should imitate Jesus by praying to God? (*Yes! Remember God wants a relationship with you and loves it when we talk to Him*)
- Let the children write their own prayer to God. As time is limited you could suggest they do this at home.

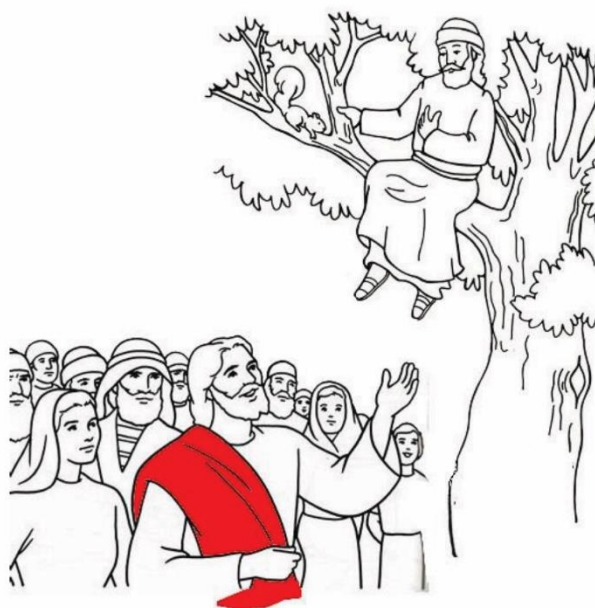


Jesus taught.
I will teach others that

Jesus forgave.
I will forgive



Jesus loved everyone.
I will show love to



Aim: We imitate Jesus by loving others enough to teach them, stand up for them and include them.

- **TAUGHT:** Everywhere Jesus went He taught people about God and how to live a life that pleases Him. By doing this He was making people disciples. The last instruction Jesus gave before He went back to Heaven was that we make disciples for Him. When you go home think of something Jesus taught that you could teach someone else. Who will you tell?
- **FORGAVE:** Some people brought a woman to Jesus who had been caught in a terrible sin. They were ready to stone her. Even though she deserved the punishment, Jesus loved her enough to forgive her and even stood up for her. (John 8: 1-11)
We need to forgive others even if they deserve punishment. Jesus said that we should forgive others as Jesus forgives us. (Matthew 6: 14). Is there someone you need to forgive?
- **LOVED:** When Jesus went to Jericho He saw Zaccheus sitting in a tree so that he could see Jesus. The people didn't like Zaccheus and grumbled when Jesus called Him down and went to go and eat at his house. Jesus showed love to the person who was excluded and because of this Zaccheus' heart was changed. So many people don't know Jesus. We need to be looking for those people and spending time with them so that they can learn about and experience the love of Jesus.
Think of the first time you heard about Jesus. Who told you? How did it feel becoming a child of God? Now it's time for you to be the person who tells someone else.

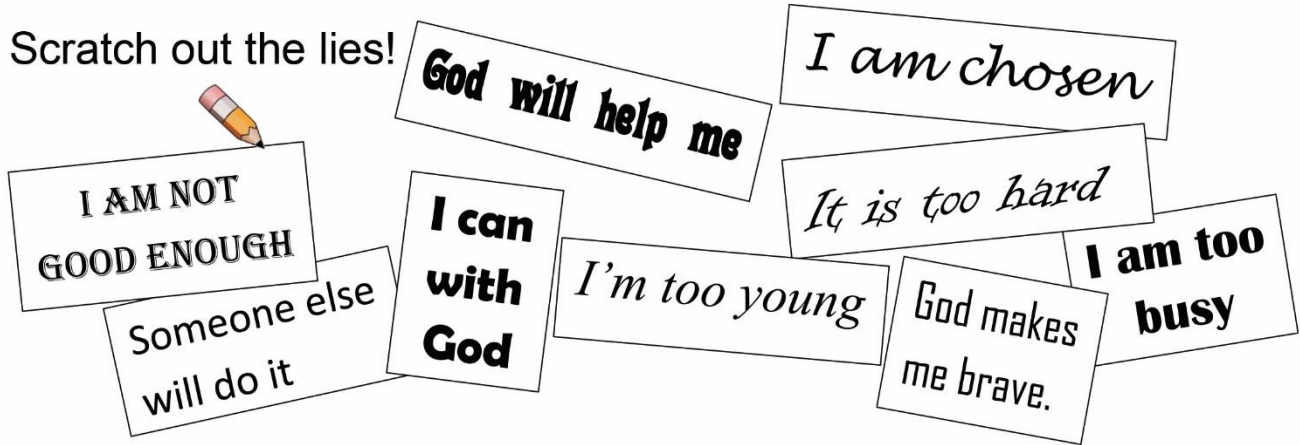


*Many people do not know how wonderful God is nor that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. God doesn't want to force them to believe. Instead He chooses us to show others how great He is. People **NEED** us to tell them about Jesus.*

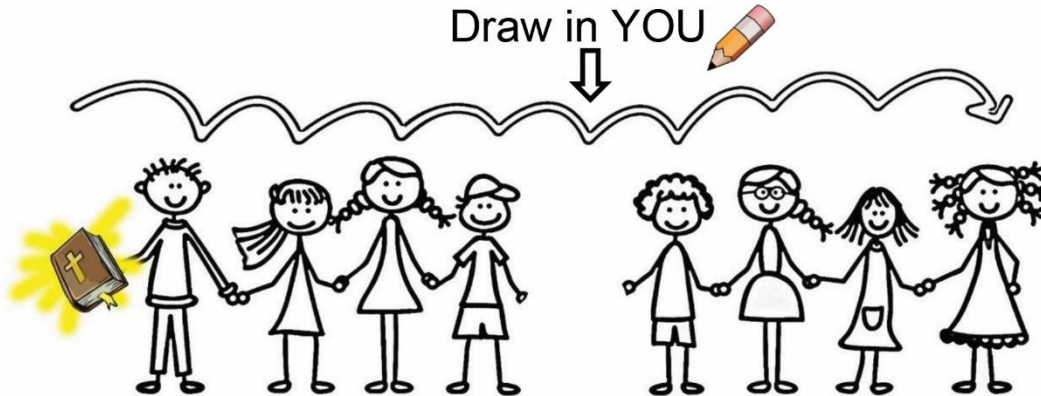
Fill in the verse

¹⁶ Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that _____ will _____ your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16

Scratch out the lies!



Draw in YOU



Aim: Jesus chooses you to tell others about Him.

Read the first paragraph before **doing the object lesson:**

Stand with the energy stick in one hand. Tell a child that they are needed to tell others about God's glory and must hold your hand. Continue to invite more and more children until all the children have been told that they are needed too and are holding hands in a circle. Complete the circle with the last child holding the energy stick which will then glow.

Remind them - **everyone is needed to help others see how great God is.**

Let's see what happens if

1. I think that someone else can do it better (*Let go and step out of the circle*) Someone might not get to see God's glory.
2. I think that I don't have much to contribute (*touch only the tips of the fingers*) this can still make a difference.
3. Sometimes we are too distracted to do what we know God wants us to do. (*Child lets go and steps out*) someone might miss out on seeing God's glory.

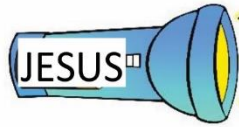
God wants us to each play our part whether at school, on the sportsfield, dance floor, at home. No matter where God has chosen you to show others how great He is.

- Fill in the verse

¹⁶ Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16

- Discuss and guide the children to scratch out the lies. The truths are "God will help me", "I am chosen", "God makes me brave", "I can with God"
- Add yourself in the space to show that you are needed.

SHINE
EXAMPLE



Remember you can't
shine without Jesus.
Ask Him to help you.

The best **EXAMPLE** you can be is to **SHINE**

Fill in what you would say to someone in each circumstance.

S I would tell them that J E S U S is
their **SAVIOUR** and loves them.

H I would say there is **HOPE** because
Jesus is or can _____.

I Others might _____ but I
will **IMITATE** Jesus and _____.

N _____ is **NEEDED** to help.
YOUR NAME

E I can be an **EXAMPLE** by _____.

Try out these scenarios:

- Someone is sick
- Someone is sad
- Someone is lonely
- Someone is making bad choices

Aim: Practical ways to SHINE for Jesus and be a good example so that others will give God the glory.

- First choose one of the scenarios listed and together with the children fill appropriate answers in the spaces.
- Next allow the children to work in pairs and talk through one of the other examples together.

Here are some examples for each circumstance but please fill in your own ideas too.

- Someone is sick

S I would tell them that J E S U S is their **SAVIOUR** and loves them.

H I would say there is **HOPE** because Jesus is or can and has often healed you.

I Others might feel helpless but I will **IMITATE** Jesus and pray for others.

N _____ is **NEEDED** to help.
YOUR NAME

E I can be an **EXAMPLE** by visiting a sick person or writing a card.

- Someone is sad.

S I would tell them that J E S U S is their **SAVIOUR** and loves them.

H I would say there is **HOPE** because Jesus is The LORD who is close to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18).

I Others might be too busy to care but I will **IMITATE** Jesus and I can comfort them with a hug or comforting words.

N _____ is **NEEDED** to help.
YOUR NAME

E I can be an **EXAMPLE** by reading them encouraging scriptures.

NOTES: _____

- Someone is lonely

S I would tell them that J E S U S is their **SAVIOUR** and loves them.

H I would say there is **HOPE** because Jesus can put the lonely in families (Ps 68:6)

I Others might not notice them but I will **IMITATE** Jesus and look out for those that are left out like Zaccheus.

N _____ is **NEEDED** to help.
YOUR NAME

E I can be an **EXAMPLE** by inviting them to spend time with me at break.

NOTES: _____

- Someone is making bad choices

S I would tell them that J E S U S is their **SAVIOUR** and loves them.

H I would say there is **HOPE** because Jesus gives us the Bible to help us know what are the right choices to make (Ps 119:105)

I Others might pressure them to make bad choices but I will **IMITATE** Jesus and try my best to do what the Bible tells me to do.

N _____ is **NEEDED** to help.
YOUR NAME

E I can be an **EXAMPLE** by kindly warning them of what could happen if they made the bad choice.

NOTES: _____

