

## Keep Shining - July 19th 2020

### Moulding Culture - Matthew 5; 13-16, Romans 12:2

Never underestimate the power of small actions and how following God's plan can influence a community, a nation and world. We have been given the great responsibility to be culture changers - to be the light and salt in this world.

MEMORY VERSE: Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think... Romans 12:2

#### **1) Salt and Light - activity - bible**

Share the bible passage; Matthew 5, 13 - 16

Read it ('regular' translation or kids bible, or watch an animation e.g.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_OMEQ3NpjeA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OMEQ3NpjeA)

Light - use a scarf etc as a blindfold (you can also play the same game in the dark, but that's a bit tricky in summer with the light evenings!) Ask the person wearing it to copy you doing actions, or answer you playing i-spy etc. What is it like not to have light to see? How is light useful?

Salt - get some plain popcorn and salted popcorn, or crackers etc (or if you don't have those you can put a *tiny* pinch of salt in a glass of water for then to *sip*, not drink all of!) Without telling them which is which get them to taste the two options. Can they tell which has the salt in? Even if it's only a little tiny amount?

Make sure to explain that -

Jesus says that we can be salt and light to everyone around us. When we live as his friends and ask God and the Holy Spirit to help us we can show people more about Jesus by the way we think, and talk and act. Even if we only do this a tiny bit, or only one person seems to notice we can still make a difference, like switching on a little light, or being able to taste a tiny bit of salt mixed into the water.

#### **2) Search and stick - Memory Verse**

Print out (or write out) the memory verse twice; once each on two different coloured pieces of paper (or in two different colours of pen).

Cut each in to 3-4 pieces and mix them up.

One of you put the blindfold on again - and follow the other people's instructions to search out the sets and stick them back together.

As well as practising the memory verse, you can also talk about how following the person who can see what's going on is a good idea...just like following God!

### 3) People you know - game/craft - prayers

Draw or cut out the outlines of lots of people (e.g. folded paper cut into paper dolls)  
Spend some time colouring them in to represent the people you and your child see often and/or care about (friends, grandparents, shop workers, library staff etc that you see regularly).

Say a prayer together for each of them; that the Holy Spirit will help you be salt and light, showing God's love to them.



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