

## :: Summary

Matthew 5:14-16 "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 praise your Father in heaven."

:: Share a story of a time when a candle or the light of a single lamp was very important to you.

## :: Explore and Discuss

Question: What do you think Christ meant calling his followers the light of the world?

Question: What are some ways we put our light under a bowl?

Question: What might cause us to not properly shine our light?

## :: Apply it to Your Life

Question: Who in your day to day actions may need to see the light of Christ.

Question: What might be keeping you from showing it?

## :: Pray:

Lord, we humbly pray your forgiveness for not always being the beacon of hope you call us to be. Help us to shine your light out into the darkness, light a lighthouse over a stormy sea that leads the lost back to their rightful home. Help us to seek inventive and effective ways to shine your light that it may be received with the message you want to bring to all. Amen

:: Notes: If you want a fun add to this lesson plan to watch the 29 minute movie from 1980 "Music Box". It could be used as a discussion piece for the above questions. It can be found free on youtube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vbls7MpeUcE>

