

“STAY LIT”

Matthew 5:14-16

January 3, 2021

Just for Parents

Hello mom and dad. So, I guess we are launched. The year of 2020 is behind us and 2021 is on its way. What this year will be like we can only speculate. What is going to happen this year only God knows for sure. But one thing we do know for sure is that God will continue to be faithful to His promises. My challenge to you today is as you go through this week take some time every day and read some of God's promises. If you aren't sure where to find them you could go to a website like the following one at <https://activechristianity.org/bible-verses-about-god-s-promises-for-those-who-are-faithful-to-him> This is a good reminder that the Creator of the universe and the Saviour of mankind is on our side regardless of what we are going through in our unpredictable and ever-changing lives. Happy New Year ya'all.

Explore

For this activity you will need 2 calendars – one from last year and one from this year. For those of you that do not use a paper calendar maybe you could have your kids gather around your computer calendar and start off by showing them your schedule for the past year. Show them a few months so they get the idea that life is busy and how necessary it is to write things down ahead of time, so stuff doesn't get forgotten. Then show them a calendar of the year to come and ask them to help you fill in important dates like family birthdays, summer holidays, Christmas and any other important dates. Talk about how the special days that happen last year are now on different days of the week then they were last year.

Just like it is important for us to plan ahead so that we don't miss days and opportunities to celebrate and get to work on time it is also important that we also think ahead about how we can show our friends this year that God loves them.

Lesson

- **Ask your kids the following questions:**
 - When you play hide and seek where is the best place to hide?
 - In a dark corner or behind something or underneath something
 - When you want everyone to see you where is the best place to be?
 - Out in the open somewhere or on top of something

- **Read Matthew 5: 14 - 16**
 - Who did Jesus say is the light of the world?
 - Those who believe in Jesus
 - Why is it not a good idea to put a light underneath a bowl?
 - Nobody can see it, so it is useless
 - Why is it better to put a light on a stand?
 - So you can see it and it gives light and shows the way
 - How are our good deeds like a light?
 - If people know that we believe in Jesus and they see us do good things and help people, they will see that God is good and that He loves them
 - Once they learn that God loves them they will also learn to believe in Him

Respond

Have your kids choose one person this year that they want to show God loves to. Point out to them that they can do this by telling them God loves them, showing them that they care about them, be a good friend to them, invite them to watch the Kids Feature like you do etc.

Blessing

Pray the following blessing over you children. This is to be done one child at a time, with your hand on child's shoulders say the blessing over them. This is something we would encourage you to do on a daily basis. This can be done in the morning before they go to school, before they go to sleep or any other time that works for you.

- ***(Child's name) May you always know how much God loves you. May you always allow Him to write your story and may you always talk about the amazing things He has done for you.***

Pray for your Family

SERMON NOTES FOR KIDS

Today is _____

The speaker is _____

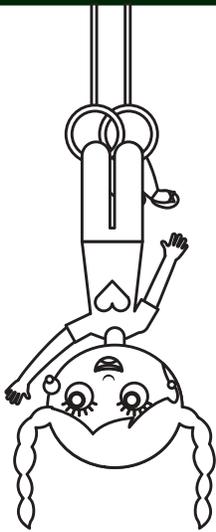


What are you learning about God?

What is the main bible passage?

My favourite song
today:

Is there something
you don't
understand?

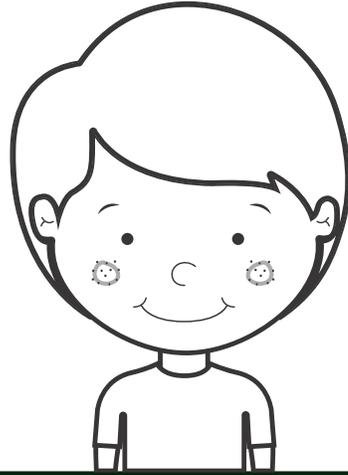


What is the most important thing you learnt today?

How can I use this in my life?

Someone we can pray for

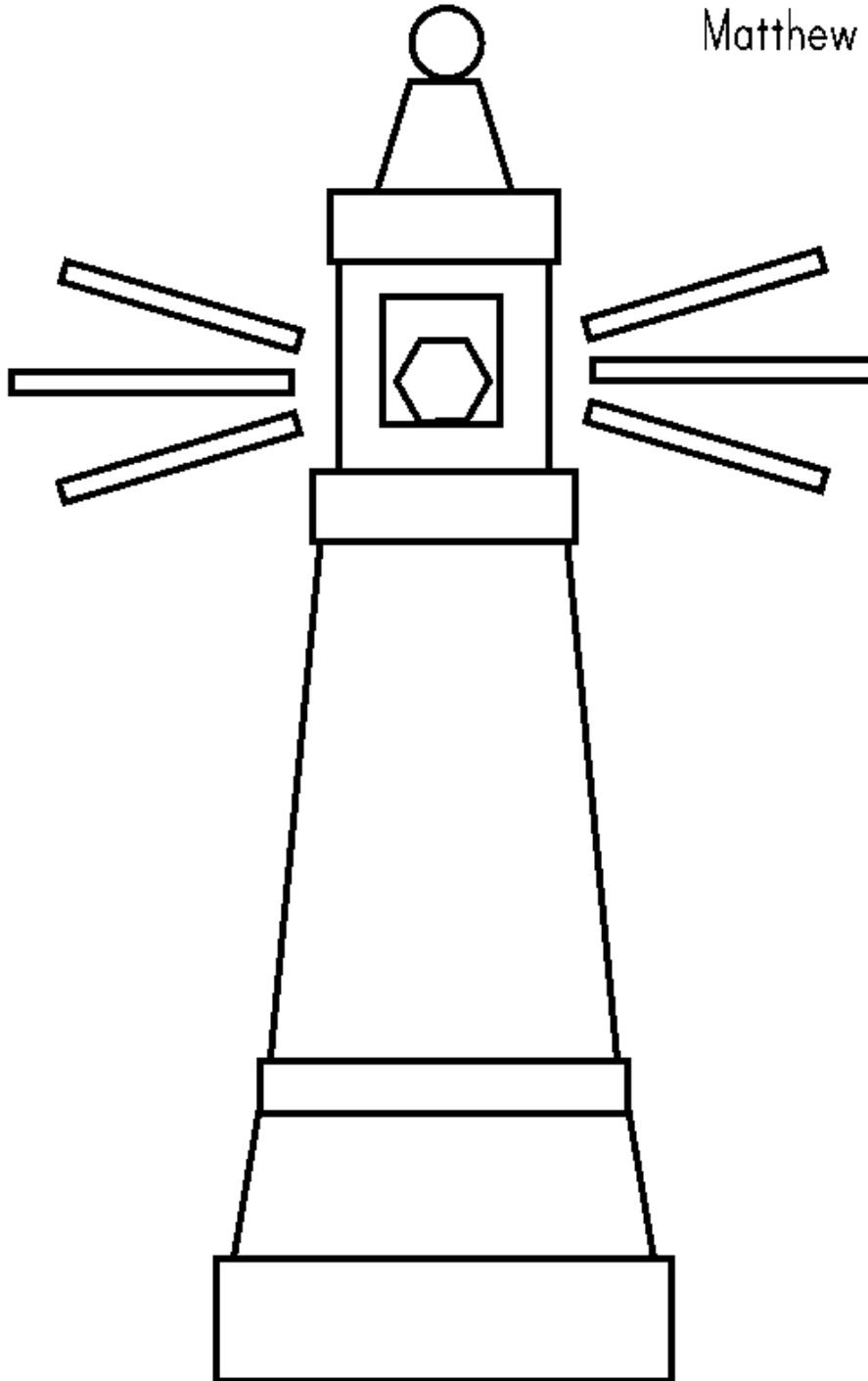
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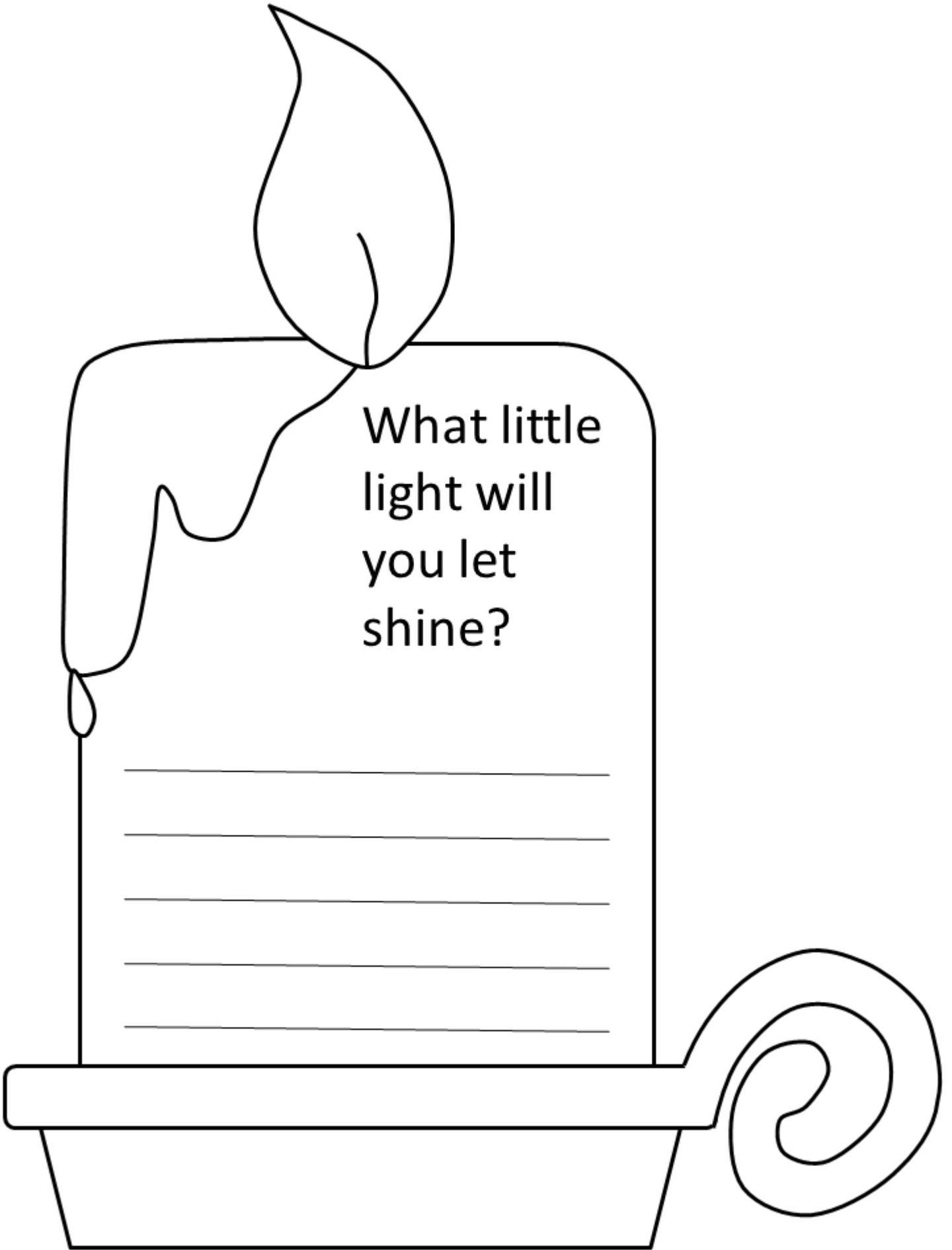
Draw a picture about the sermon or your favourite song

Jesus is the Light of the World

Matthew 5:14



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What little
light will
you let
shine?
