

BIBLE STORY

Salt and Light
Matthew 5:13-16

MEMORY VERSE

*Lord, you are great.
You are really worthy
of praise. No one can
completely
understand how great
you are.*
Psalm 145:3 (NirV)

LIFE APP

Creativity
Imagining what you
could do because
you're made in God's
image

KEY QUESTION

Who first told you
about God's story?

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others
the way I want to be
treated.

ACTIVITY: COLOR CODING

WHAT YOU NEED: Old family photos (digital or hard copies)

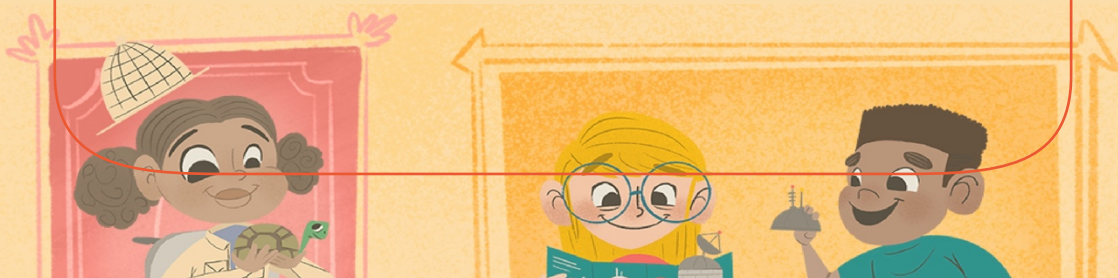
WHAT YOU DO:

Gather some of your favorite photos of your child. Show them the photos. Tell them the stories behind each one. Ask them how they remember the day or event. Compare your stories and talk about how you remember the events the same or differently.

Ask your child, "What are some of your favorite memories from growing up? What are some things that you'll never forget? Are there any things that you wish you could forget? What are some of your most embarrassing stories? What are some of your proudest stories?" Share your own answers to those questions, too.

WRAP UP AND SAY:

We all have memories that turn into stories that are worth sharing, but the one most important story we should all share is the story of Jesus. In fact, someone told you that story as well: your parents, your friends, maybe even a small group leader. No matter who it was, God used them to shine the light of His love into your heart and help you understand who Jesus is and what He's done for you. You can do that, too. If you know and follow Jesus, He will help you use your gifts and talents in creative ways to share the most important story anyone will ever hear—the story of how God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us.



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GOSPEL MOMENT

God's Story is good news for EVERYONE. And with God's help, we can share it with others!

How do we do that? Well, we can TELL people about God. We can share all that He's done. We can tell them how much God loves them.

But we can also SHOW them. That's what it means to be salt and light. When we're kind to people, we're showing them that God is kind. When we're patient with people, we're showing them that God is patient. And when we love people, we're showing them that God loves them—more than they could ever imagine! **God created you to share His story.**

It isn't just about the words you say. God made you in His image. That means you can use your creativity to share His story in all kinds of ways. You can share His story with art, music . . . or even just being a good friend. Whatever gift or talent God gave you, you can use it to share His story with others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What do you think is the most important thing you can do in order to use your talents, mind, and creativity to point others to God?
- What might you need to do differently if you thought of yourself as light and salt to those around you every day?
- Why is it important for those who follow Jesus to tell others about Him?
- What makes it hard to tell others about Jesus? What do we worry will happen if we tell people about Jesus? How can we overcome our fears?

PRAYER

God, we are thankful for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can be in Your family forever. Help us look for creative ways to share Your story with others. Help us to live lives that make it obvious that we love and follow You. Thank You for creating us. Thank You for loving us. Amen.

