



AUGUST 2020 • WEEK 5

K-3 PARENT GUIDE

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

BOTTOM LINE

God created you to
share His story.

BASIC TRUTH

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

ACTIVITY: SHARE HIS STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Play an application-packed game similar to "Mother May I?" Ask kids to tell what it means to share God's story (*to tell others about God; to show others that God loves them; to share God's love with others*). Then, invite them to name ways they could use the things they're good at to share God's story with others (*make a card for someone who's sick; be kind to my teammates; invite my gymnastics friends to church*).

Next, guide kids to line up shoulder to shoulder at one end of the environment while you stand at the opposite end. Call out a kid's name and read a scenario below. Lead the kid to respond by saying one way they could share God's story in that situation. (*If a kid is stuck, ask guiding questions to help. Help kids understand that part of sharing God's story is simply by showing God's love.*)

When the kid answers, say, **[Bottom Line]** "God created you to share His story!" Move forward _____ (specify a type and number of steps)." The game ends when every kid reaches you.

- A new kid joins your class. How could you share God's story?
- A kid sits by himself at lunch. How could you share God's story?
- Someone is mean to a girl on the playground. How could you share God's story?
- Your neighbor is sick. How could you share God's story?
- Your friend falls and gets hurt. How could you share God's story?
- Your church is collecting food for a food drive. How could you share God's story?
- Your teacher looks really sad. How could you share God's story?
- A friend doesn't go to church. How could you share God's story?

WHAT YOU SAY:

Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world.' That means that if you're a follower of Jesus, you're like a light that shines in the darkness. You shouldn't hide that light. Jesus said, 'Let your light shine so others can see it.' You can shine your light by (*insert some of the kids' ideas from the game*).

So, whether you're at home, school, practice, or playing with your friends, you can be creative and use the things you're good at to show God's love to others. **[Bottom Line]** God created you to share His story!





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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

- Who told you the story of Jesus for the first time?
- When Jesus told His followers to be the salt and light of the world, what did He mean? (*Jesus wants us to tell others about Him and His story.*)
- Have you ever told someone about Jesus? If so, how did it go? If not, is there something that makes you nervous about telling Jesus' story?
- What are some creative ways we can tell others about Jesus? (*Write them a note, invite them to a Small Group sleepover, be kind and loving no matter what.*)

PRAYER

God, You are GREAT! We want to shine our light so others can see how creative You are. We want the way we act and the words we use to make others want to know more about You. Help us see opportunities to share Your story with the people in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen!

