

**Spark Lesson for March 29,2020**  
**Matthew 5:13-16**  
**(For Preschool and Elementary Kids)**

*Miss Cathy, Miss Ellen and all the teachers miss you. We are praising God that you are able to have your lesson with your family today. We are praying for you and look forward to the time when we can all be back at church again to worship God together and continue to learn about Him.*

Pray and praise the Lord you can worship God with your family today.

Sing Praise Ye the Lord

Say: *With all the hard things going on in the world, there is a lot of things we can still praise God for. List 5 things you can praise God for today.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgw>

Blindfold your family and have everyone draw a picture. Take off the blindfolds and look at the picture. *We would do better if we had light to see. Why is light important?* Give everyone a pinch of salt to taste or if you have chip or crackers, taste one and talk about how salt improves the taste.

*We finished the Beatitudes last week and are continuing with Matthew 5:12-16.*

You may read it out of the Bible or watch the following which is word for word out of the Bible:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUFOP8nhsRY>

*Why do you think Jesus said that we are the salt of the earth? What is salt good for?*

*We are not turning into literal salt like Lot's wife...but salt actually has some amazing properties. It flavors food. In Bible times it was sometimes used as currency. It can be a preservative -salt kept things fresh before refrigeration came around. It was used as a disinfectant. Salt can alter chemistry in cooking and even keep roads from freezing. Salt can change things for better and makes a tremendous difference! This is what Jesus refers to here. As Christians, we want to have an impact on other people; loving them, showing them Jesus and changing the world for Him.*

Turn on a flashlight and show how it brightens things up. Put it under an opaque bowl or a metal pot and ask the kids what happens. Go into a darkened room and see how the light illuminates things. *Jesus tells us, "Let your light shine before others, that they will see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven."* *The world needs Jesus right now.* Brainstorm with your family what you can do to let your light shine this week. (There are ideas at the end of the lesson if you need help.)

Sing the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftUXYsamDo8>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVGORBCdh5A&list=PLxkQb8VPwM6x\\_j8ITSuHjySnYYiPObG2&index=30&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVGORBCdh5A&list=PLxkQb8VPwM6x_j8ITSuHjySnYYiPObG2&index=30&t=0s)

If you have a candle for each person (you could use birthday candles), have everyone hold one. Light a candle. Ask: *Does this candle lose any of the flame by lighting another candle? No. But when one is*

*burning it is able to start others and light up a room. Light the other candles. We want others to shine for Jesus too.*

Sing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmcotqV-Nlg>

Pray and thank God that He is the Light of the World. (John 8:12). Help us to shine His light to others.

Craft: You need salt, some food coloring and glue.

Put some salt in a zip lock bag. Put a couple drops of food coloring in it. Zip up the bag and squish it until the salt is colored. You may have to put in more food coloring to get it the color you want. Put it on a plate to dry for a few minutes. Draw a simple design on a piece of paper. It could be a sun, or the name Jesus or whatever you want. Make sure the salt is dry enough to sprinkle, then use the glue to put a thin line on the design and sprinkle the colored salt on the design. If you don't have food coloring, use plain salt if you have it.

Here is a puppet video to watch on how to let your light shine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-EDzu3oelo>

Color the coloring page

Ideas for your family to shine your light:

- Use sidewalk chalk and write encouraging Bible verses and pictures on the sidewalk for people who are out walking.
- There is a movement for people to have hearts on their houses to encourage people who are driving by or are out walking. Try creating a big one to put in your window that says, "Jesus loves you."
- Write letters or call your relatives. Tell them how you are trusting God. Pray for them.
- Pray for our governmental leaders and our pastors.
- Pray for Miss Terry and Pastor Liborio our missionaries in Italy. Pray for health for them and their family there. Pray for creative ways for them to minister to people there while they are on lockdown. Pray for the people of Italy to turn to Jesus.
- Give your parents a hug.
- Have prayer huddles.
- Memorize a scripture and share it with someone.
- YouTube has some great praise and worship videos for kids. Play some and have a dance time.
- Do something around the house to help your parents without being asked.

Next week we will be learning about the Last Supper and Palm Sunday.

We will continue with Matthew 5 after our Resurrection Celebration. We will start with verse 38 then.