

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

AN OBJECT LESSON FOR FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

MATTHEW 5:14-16

“YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD—LIKE A CITY ON A HILLTOP THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN. NO ONE LIGHTS A LAMP AND THEN PUTS IT UNDER A BASKET. INSTEAD, A LAMP IS PLACED ON A STAND, WHERE IT GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE. IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR GOOD DEEDS SHINE OUT FOR ALL TO SEE, SO THAT EVERYONE WILL PRAISE YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A HOLLOWED OUT PUMPKIN
- BRIGHT LIGHT SOURCE (FLASHLIGHT, CANDLE, ETC)
- SOMETHING TO PUNCTURE THE PUMPKIN (SCREWDRIVER, SKEWER, DRILL, ETC)

SAY:

- PRETEND THIS PUMPKIN IS YOU AND THIS LIGHT SOURCE IS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. WHEN WE PUT THE LIGHT INSIDE THE PUMPKIN AND CLOSE THE LID, IT'S PRETTY DARK. IT'S LIKE WE AREN'T LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE.
- SOMETIMES WE FEEL ASHAMED OR SCARED AND TRY TO HIDE THE LIGHT THAT SHINES INSIDE EACH OF US, BUT GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO SEE THE LIGHT THAT SHINES INSIDE OF US.
- LET'S USE THIS TOOL TO PUNCH **ONE** HOLE IN THE PUMPKIN. IT'S A LITTLE BRIGHTER NOW, RIGHT? MAYBE THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN WE ONLY LET OUR LIGHT SHINE WHEN WE ARE AT HOME OR AT CHURCH. I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE IF WE LET THAT LIGHT SHINE EVERYWHERE WE WENT?
- LET'S POKE **LOTS** OF HOLES IN THIS PUMPKIN AND SEE HOW BRIGHT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINES WITHIN EACH OF US. (GET YOUR FAMILY INVOLVED AND POKE LOTS OF HOLES!) NOW LET'S HOLD THIS BRIGHT SHINING PUMPKIN UP AND SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
- THIS IS WHAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US LOOKS LIKE. THE LIGHT OF CHRIST BURNS WITHIN EACH OF US NOT BECAUSE WE DID ANYTHING TO DESERVE IT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE GRACE OF GOD.
- TAKE SOME TIME TO BRAINSTORM AS A FAMILY SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN PRACTICALLY SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN YOUR HOME, WORKPLACE, SCHOOL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- PRAY FOR BOLDNESS FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY WHEN OPPORTUNITIES ARISE TO SHINE THE LIGHT AND HOPE OF CHRIST.