

GALATIC GLOW: SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

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CONNECT: CHECK IN / PRE SERVICE GAMES

10 MINS

THIS IS OPTIONAL, IF IT ISN'T NEEDED. PLEASE FEEL FREE NOT TO USE IT!

Pre Service Game Stations: As students are being checked in, use this time to get to know each student. Help them get comfortable in the classroom and find a friend or group to play games with. If you have enough volunteers in the room, get involved with the games. Fun builds trust with kids, so don't be afraid to have fun with them! Make sure everyone helps put away preservice games before large groups start.

GAME STATIONS

20 MINS

Live Host: Let's have our leaders come down to the front to get ready for games!

FLASHLIGHT RELAY

- **Items Needed: 2 flashlights**
- **Live Host:** Alright, I will need **8 contestants for 2 teams of 4 (Pick contestants)**. At the go, the first contestant in each team runs to the goal line and back, holding the flashlight. The first contestant with the flashlight passes it to their teammate and then proceeds to the back of the line. Repeat this until all of the contestants have participated. After one round, the winning contestants will receive Bible Bucks.
- *(Note for Live Host: Give commentary during the game, ex. Team One is in the lead. Make sure to encourage the non-contestants to cheer the contestants on, announce the winning team, and have everyone cheer for both teams to conclude each round)*

SHADOW VS. LIGHT FREEZE DANCE

- **Items Needed: Flashlight & Music**
- **Live Host:** If you are ready for the next game, shout YES! If you are really ready for the next game, shout SHADOW VS. LIGHT FREEZE DANCE!
- **Live Host:** Without Jesus, we're stuck in the dark, but how many of you know that Jesus is the light in the darkness? So, for this next game, we will need 7 contestants to join us onstage. The lights will be dim, but when the contestants hear the music and the flashlight is on, they dance. When the music and flashlight are off, they **freeze and stay quiet**. Anyone caught moving when the music and flashlight are off is out. The last student standing receives one Bible Buck.

WOULD YOU RATHER

- **Items Needed: Would You Rather Sheet**
- **Live Host:** For this next game, we want everyone in the room to participate. So, you are all contestants. I will ask you a question, and based on your choice, you will either stand up or continue to sit down.

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FLOW: WELCOME, FIRST-TIME VISITORS, WORSHIP & OFFERING

25 MINS

Live Host: We want to welcome our first-time visitors in a big way! If this is your first time visiting with us, we are so excited that you are here! So why don't we do this? Let's have everyone stand and clap out as we welcome our guests and get ready for worship.

INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

5 MINS

Live Host: Hey there, Galactic Explorers—are you ready? I can't hear you. Are you ready? Our world is full of both light and darkness and guess what? God is calling each of us to be Warriors of Light! When I say, 'Warriors of Light,' I want you to shout it back—Warriors of Light! God wants us to stand strong, shine bright, and push back the darkness with His truth and love. Now, who here is ready to be brave and be light? **(Pause for responses)** I can't hear you. Who here is ready to be brave and be light? That's what I like to hear! Let's grab our gear and get ready for our memory verse. **Cue memory verse video.**

LESSON RECAP VIDEO

1 MIN

LIVE HOST'S INTRO TO LESSON

5-7 MINS

Live Host: Hey there, everyone! How's it going today? We are SO excited to have each and every one of you here with us! This month, we have a theme that I know many of you are excited about: **Galactic Glow: Shining the Light of Jesus!** Get ready to blast off into some amazing adventures and learn how we can shine with God's love in everything we do. It is going to be a great ride—let's get started!

Key Scripture: Today, our key scripture is coming to you from John 1:5, which says, "The light shines in the darkness. And the darkness has not overpowered the Light."

That's right, team! God's light is like a super powerful space beam that no darkness can ever defeat! In today's lesson, we will learn that ...**Jesus is the light of the World!** Can we say that out loud together in 1... 2... 3... **Jesus is the Light of the World!**

That's Right! So, buckle up because we're about to light up the galaxy with God's truth today! Who's Ready, set, GO!

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out April Week 1 of Captain Light-Bearer Skit)

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LESSON VIDEO OR CAPTAIN LIGHT SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Live Host Hook: (Hold up an unbroken glow stick) What do you think will happen if I bend this glow stick? **(Wait for responses)**. Right now, it's not shining, but when I activate it **(snap the glow stick to make it glow)**. Wow! Now it's glowing! This glow stick reminds us of something very important: that Jesus came to be light in a dark world.

- **Jesus is the Light as a Teacher**

Alright, Galactic Explorers, gather around because we're about to take a journey. Imagine a dark room with no windows. It is so dark that you can't see anything around you—scary, right? But then, *whoosh!* Someone turns on a bright flashlight! Suddenly, the darkness disappears, and you can see everything clearly! The fear is gone, and everything makes sense again. That's exactly what Jesus did when He came into the world! He brought light into a world full of darkness, confusion, and fear!

When Jesus started His ministry, He traveled from town to town, sharing His teachings, healing the sick, and bringing hope and truth to everyone He met. Wherever He went, He shined the light of God's love and showed that God's light could push away darkness. He healed the blind so they could see again. He made people who couldn't walk stand up and run, and even more, He raised people from the dead, proving that His power is *greater than anything!*

- **Jesus is the Light as a Healer**

The story of Jesus healing two blind men is found in Matthew 9:27-30. As Jesus traveled on His Journey, two blind men approached him, saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

See, they had heard of a man named Jesus who could heal. So, when he had gone indoors, the blind men came to Jesus and asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith, let it be done to you"; and their sight was restored.

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Do you know what this shows us? It shows us that Jesus healed the blind, which means that the light of Jesus can heal our bodies and our broken hearts and even fix what's broken in our lives. Just like the blind men were able to see again, Jesus helps us see the truth and His love more clearly, and he wants us to share it with others!

- **Jesus is the Light that Invites Us to Prepare the Way for the Light**

Before Jesus began His ministry on Earth, God sent a special messenger to prepare the way—his name was John the Baptist. John had a very important job: to help people get their hearts ready for Jesus, the Light of the World!

Remember when we talked about Adam and Eve's sin in last month's lesson, when we talked about what it meant to repent. This is the same message that John the Baptist wanted to give to the people as they prepared their hearts for Jesus. The message here is to repent, turn away from sin, and return to God. John wanted people to realize that sin was keeping them in darkness, and He wanted to point people to the true Light—Jesus!

Just as John the Baptist wanted people to know Jesus, and in that same way, God uses us as light on the earth so that people can find Jesus!

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today? I am giving away Bible bucks! Today, we learned that **Jesus is the light of the World!**

- **Jesus is the Light as a Teacher**
- **Jesus is the Light as a Healer**
- **Jesus Invites Us to Prepare the Way for the Light**

Jesus came to bring light into the world, and His ministry shows us how to live in that light. From Jesus teaching about God's kingdom to Jesus healing the sick to John the Baptist preparing the way, everything Jesus did pushed back darkness and invited those He loved to walk in the light.

Call to Action

Today, we learned that Jesus is the light of the World, and by following His example, we can be light too. Your mission this week is to find at least one way each day to shine the light of Jesus. Here are some ideas to help you shine your light.

Be Kind – Say something encouraging, help a friend, or include someone who feels left out.

Tell the Truth – Stand up for what's right, even when it's hard.

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- **Help at Home** – Show love by helping your family without being asked.
- **Pray for Someone** – Talk to Jesus and ask Him to help a friend, family member, or teacher.
- **Share Jesus' Love**—Invite someone to church, share a Bible story, or remind someone that God loves them!

Next Sunday, we will share in our small groups and receive some Bible Bucks!

WRAP-UP & CLOSING PRAYER

5 MINS

(If your campus begins with small groups, please ask review questions before closing prayer. If your campus ends with small group, move directly to closing prayer (these questions will be asked and answered in small group))

1. Who is the Light of the World? **Jesus (John 1:5)**
2. Who was the person who prepared the way for the light, Jesus? **John the Baptist**
3. What does light do in the darkness? **Light makes darkness disappear**
4. What are some ways Jesus brought light into the world during His ministry? **He healed, taught, performed miracles, etc.**

Before we move to small group, let us take a moment to pray.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for being the Light of the World and shining Your love into our lives. We know that without You, we would be lost in darkness, but because of You, we are the light of the world. Help us shine Your light wherever we go, at home, school, and with our friends. When we feel afraid or unsure, remind us that Your light is always with us, and we will not be overcome by darkness. Lord, we live for You, and we will glow brightly so that others can see Your love through us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

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SMALL GROUP OPTION TWO (for campuses that begin with small groups)

INTRO

Live Host: Hey Galactic explorers!! Are you ready? I can't hear you. Are you ready! In a minute we are going to learn about light and darkness. But first we are going to begin with small groups. So, grab your gear and let's get started!

How are you all doing? How was your weekend? Anything special happen? **(receive answers)**. How was school this week? **(receive answers)**.

ICEBREAKER

1. If you could travel anywhere in space, where would you go?
2. If you could build a spaceship, what would you put inside it?
3. What's one way you can brighten someone's day?
4. Would you rather glow like a firefly or sparkle like the stars? Why?

Great job answering the questions!

RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

Does anybody remember what we were supposed to do last week for our call to action? **Wait for responses...** For our call to action, we were to:

1. Take time last week to notice the beautiful world God created. Thank Him for something you see. Create a picture of the creation at home and bring it next week.
2. Journal all the areas where you shared your gifts and talents with others this week.

Everyone who shares gets Bible Bucks!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tell students we're starting prayer. Remain with eyes closed and focus attention on God. Ask for any prayer requests they would like to share. If your small group needs a little encouragement, give them categories like **family, school, or friends** to get them thinking about areas they need prayer in. After students share, lead the group in prayer, covering each prayer request using the name of each student who asks for prayer.



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S.O.A.P

S.O.A.P is a simple but helpful way to study the Bible and apply it to our own lives.

S.O.A.P stands for, **SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION AND PRAYER** and involves four simple steps.

S: SCRIPTURE

You physically write out the scripture. You'll be amazed what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O: OBSERVATION

What do you notice about the verses? What do you think the main message is? What verses, words or ideas jump out to you? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words?

A: APPLICATION

Ask God how He wants you to apply the verse to your own life. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P: PRAYER

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

LET'S S.O.A.P TOGETHER

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Name:

Grade:

Date:

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SCRIPTURE

What did you read?

OBSERVATION

What is God saying?

What does this look like in my life?

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Dear God...

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

SCAN ME

