

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

(Feel free to choose two from the list; the third game can be used if time is needed at the end of small groups)

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

LIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

- **Items Needed:** Clearly marked throwing line, glow-in-the-dark cups, glow-in-the-dark ping pong balls (dim lights)
- **Live Host:** If you are ready for the first game, shout YES! I need 6 contestants to join me on stage (2 teams of three). A contestant from each team will stand at the throwing line. Each contestant has 10 seconds to throw as many balls as they can into the cups. The team with the most balls in the cups wins, and each contestant receives 3 Bible Bucks.
- (Note for Live Host: make sure to give commentary during the game and encourage the audience to cheer throughout the game)

GALAXY IN ORBIT

- **Items Needed:** Corn hole game, with star theme bean bags
- **Live Host:** I need 4 contestants to join me on stage. Contestants, in this game, you will throw your star bag and see which one of you can get your star bag into the hole or closest to the hole. The winning contestant receives 2 Bible Bucks.

LIGHT CAPTAIN SAYS

- **Live Host:** Are you ready for the next game? Shout YES! I can't hear you! You all get to play this next game. I am going to give you commands, like Light Captain says, "Hop on one foot." Then, everyone is to do the command. If I give a command without saying Light Captain says, and you do that command, you are out.

VICTORY KIDS ELEMENTARY

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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 as we welcome our guests and get ready for worship.

INTRO: MEMORY VERSE

5 MINS

Live Host: Hey there, Galactic Glowers—are you ready? I can't hear you. Are you ready? Our world is full of both light and darkness, so 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 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: Our key scripture today comes from Matthew 28:6: But he is not here. He has risen from death as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was.

Last week, we learned that Jesus defeated darkness because he died on the cross and rose again in 3 days, defeating death! Today, we will continue to learn about Jesus defeating darkness after he resurrected and appeared to his friends!

(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: Close your eyes and picture yourself floating in space, surrounded by countless twinkling stars. Do you see one light shining brighter than all the others? That bright, glowing light that fills the darkness is like Jesus. Jesus' love and power breaks through even the darkest times and gives hope and new life. Jesus' resurrection changed everything, and His light continues to shine in our lives!

- **Jesus Conquers Darkness**

Last week, we learned that the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty. There was an angel that greeted the women. Does anyone remember what the angel said? **Wait for responses.** (*He is not here. He has risen as He said He would*). Jesus' resurrection shows that His love and power are greater than death and darkness. When Jesus rose from the dead, He brought hope to everyone, reminding us that no matter how hard or dark life seems, His light is always there to guide and comfort us.

Let's think about it: How does it feel when a bright light suddenly fills a dark room? **(Wait for responses.)** That's exactly what happened on Easter morning! Jesus' light broke through the darkness of death, and His promise of new life shines in our hearts every day.

- **Jesus Appears to His Friends**

Soon after the women discovered the empty tomb, Jesus began to appear to His friends. Many of his followers were sad and confused, not yet understanding that Jesus had risen. Later, Jesus appeared to all His disciples in a room. Among them were Peter, John, James, and many others who followed Him.

He showed them the marks on His hands and side, proving that He had indeed suffered and risen from the dead. Though the disciples had been filled with fear and uncertainty before, they now understood that Jesus had overcome death to give everyone a new life filled with hope. This powerful appearance made them believe and begin to understand the great mission known as the Great Commission to spread His message to all people all over the world.

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- **Jesus Wants Us to Be the Light in Darkness**

I guess you are wondering what the Great Commission is? Jesus tells us exactly what it is in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the very end of the age".

Just as the disciples were commanded to go out into the world and spread the good news, Jesus also gave us the Great Commission. He asks us to teach others about His love, His resurrection, and the promise of a new life. Even though we might have felt scared or unsure, Jesus gave us the same promise he gave his friends. He told them, and now us, He would always be with us, guiding us and giving us the courage to share the hope and joy of Jesus' victory over darkness. Our mission is to be light in the world, helping others discover the love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to everyone. Today, you are invited to join this mission by shining His light through your kind words, caring actions, and sharing His message of hope with those around us.

SALVATION CALL

15 MINS

As you heard in the lesson, we have been invited to join this mission of sharing the light of Jesus. However, the first thing you must do before accepting the mission is to receive the gift of Jesus in your heart. Although this gift was offered to the whole world, the offer has to be accepted. Jesus offered his life, and our job is to respond to Him. Have you invited Jesus in to be Lord over your life? To take away your sins, to wash you clean. If you want to invite Jesus into your life today, pray this prayer with me. **(have the children repeat each line after you)**

Prayer of Salvation: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. I believe You died on the cross and rose again so I can have a new life with You. I know I have done wrong things, and I ask You to forgive me. Please come into my heart and be my Savior. Help me to follow You every day. Amen."

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 Defeats The Darkness!**

- **Jesus Conquers Darkness**
- **Jesus Appears to His Friends**
- **Jesus wants us to be the Light in the Darkness**

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After Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, He gave them the Great Commission to share the good news of His life, death, and resurrection. Just as Jesus promised to always be with the disciples, that same promise is true today, as we are called to shine His light in all the world.

Call to Action

Today, we learned that Jesus Defeats the Darkness, and we all have a message to share and be a light to others. This week, for your call to action, think about friends or family who you can share the good news that Jesus defeated the darkness with.

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. What did the women find when they went to Jesus' tomb? **They found an empty tomb.**
2. What did the angel say at the tomb? **He is not here; He has risen**
3. Where did Jesus appear to His disciples after the empty tomb? **Jesus appeared to all His disciples in a room**
4. What is the Great Commission? **It is Jesus' command to His disciples to go out and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them.**
5. What is the Bible verse for the Great Commission? **Matthew 28:19-20?**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank You for rising from the dead and showing us that Your love is stronger than any darkness. Help us to carry Your hope and joy in our hearts. Guide us to share the good news with others. 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: Good morning, everyone!! How are you all doing? How was your weekend? Anything special happen? **(receive answers)**. How was school this week? **(receive answers)**.

ICEBREAKER

1. Would you rather visit the moon or live on Mars? Why?
2. What's your favorite source of light—flashlights, candles, stars, or something else?
3. What does it mean to "shine for Jesus"?
4. What is one way we can shine Jesus' light at school?
5. What's the coolest way you've seen light used (fireworks, lasers, glow sticks, etc.)?

Great job answering the questions!

RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

Today, we are going to answer some questions about last week's lesson:

1. Was everyone happy about Jesus' arrival?
 - Answer: **No, Some of the religious leaders and powerful people were upset.**
2. What Bible verse tells of the reason for the light?
 - Answer: **John 3:16**
3. What does John 3:16 say?
 - Answer: **For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life.**
4. What happened to Jesus' body after He died?
 - Answer: **He was placed in a tomb, and a stone was rolled in front of it.**

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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MATTHEW 28:6

Name:

Grade:

Date:

S.O.A.P

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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...

SCAN ME



Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!