

GALACTIC 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!

RESCUE MISSION LIVESAVE! TOSS

- **Items Needed:** Hula hoops, buckets, and beanbags (Buckets are placed in the center of the hula hoop)
- **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 beanbags as possible into the bucket. The team with the most beanbags in the bucket or the closest to the bucket (within the hula hoop) 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)*
- **Live Host:** Are you ready for the next game shout YES! I can't hear you! You all get to play this next game.

FLOATING OR SINKING? WATER EXPERIMENT

- **Items Needed:** One half-filled fish tank. Floating items - Plastic bottle cap, Ping pong ball, Small sponge, Rubber duck, Piece of Styrofoam, Cork from a bottle, Feather, Small wooden block. Items that will sink: Small rock, Metal spoon, Lego brick (heavy one), Coin (penny, nickel, or dime), Small toy car, paper clip, marble
- **Live Host:** I need one contestant to join me on stage. In this game, I will show everyone different objects, and everyone in the audience will guess whether the object will sink or float. Those who guess that the object will sink will stay seated and those who say it will float will stand. The contestant assisting me on stage will take that object and drop it in the fish tank and we will see which group was correct. *(Rotate contestants)*

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RACE TO THE STARS

- **Items Needed:** Tape to mark two starting lines and tape to mark two finish lines for each team and a beanbag
- **Live Host:** I need four contestants (2 teams of 2). One contestant from each team will stand at the finish line, and two of the other contestants will stand at the starting line. At go, the contestant at the starting line will race with the beanbag on their head, attempting not to drop it and make it to the finish line. Once they reach the finish line, they will pass the beanbag, and the next contestant will place it on their head and race back to the starting line and then back to the finish line. The team that makes it back to the finish line first wins and will receive 3 Bible Bucks each.

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 Glowers—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 one of you here with us! This month, we continue our theme, **Galactic Glow: Shining the Light of Jesus!** Let's get ready to blast off into some amazing adventures as we learn how we can shine with God's love.

Key Scripture: This month's key scripture is from 2 Corinthians 13:14 – The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Last week, we learned how Jesus defeated the darkness after He was resurrected and appeared to His friends. Today, we will learn about **"Faith That Glows in the Darkness!"**

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

LESSON VIDEO OR CAPTAIN LIGHT SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Live Host Hook: Do you know what a lighthouse is? Have you ever seen one? **(Show the slide of the lighthouse.)** Sailors rely on lighthouses to guide them safely through dangerous waters. Lighthouses light up the path in dark waters for ships to safely cross. Without them, they might crash into rocks, icebergs, or even other ships. Jesus is that bright, shining lighthouse for us, like a lighthouse. He shines a light on us when we feel like everything is dark and sad. Just like sailors trust the lighthouse to guide them, we can trust Jesus to lead us through life's storms.

- Jesus Shining through the Darkness**

This week, we are reading Matthew 14:22- 33, which tells the story of a night that Jesus' friends had to face their fear in the darkness. The story goes that it was late at night after Jesus finished teaching the people. Jesus told His disciples to get into a boat and go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee while he went up to a mountain to pray. As the disciples were at sea, a strong storm came. This was unlike any other storm; the wind roared, the sky was dark, and the waves crashed against the boat. The disciples struggled to row against the raging waters. No matter how hard they rowed, the boat seemed not to move forward. How do you think the disciples felt? **(wait for responses)**

The disciples must have felt very scared and hopeless because the darkness of night made the storm worse. They couldn't see the sky, the shore, and worst of all, they couldn't see Jesus. Sometimes, life can feel hard or scary, and we might feel like we're in a dark place, like when it's nighttime, or we are feeling sad or scared. But Jesus is like a bright light that will always shine through any darkness we may face.

- Jesus the Hope in the Darkness**

Imagine the disciples as they battled the storm through the night, afraid that they could get hurt or the shipwrecked. Then, in the early hours of the morning, they saw something on the water, and they didn't know what it was. It was moving toward them, but it wasn't sinking! **(CONT.)**

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Can you guess what they thought they saw? **(Wait for responses)**

They cried out in fear. "It's a ghost!" But it wasn't a ghost, it was JESUS! He said to them, *"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."* HE WAS WALKING ON THE WATER!

This shows that Jesus had power over the storm. So, when we are afraid, overwhelmed, and unsure of what's ahead, we should have hope because Jesus has power over those things! Jesus reminds us that when we feel sad or like things will never get better, we should take courage and know that He is with us so we do not have to be afraid.

- **Shine Your Light by Having Faith and Trusting Jesus**

Now, the story doesn't end there. The storm was still raging, but Peter saw Jesus walking on the water and said, "Lord, if it's really You, tell me to come to You on the water!" Jesus simply said, "Come."

Peter stepped out of the boat, and, for a moment, he walked on the water! But then he saw the huge waves and felt the strong wind. He became scared and started to go down into the water.

"Lord, save me!" Peter cried. Immediately, Jesus reached out and grabbed him.

And He asked, "Why did you doubt?" Peter could walk on water as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. When he focused on the storm, he began to go down into the water. As you grow, you will face hard times like difficulty in school, feeling left out, or a moment in life that feels scary. Glowers, this story reminds us that just like Peter called on Jesus, when you are afraid you can call on Jesus too. And just like Jesus reached out and grabbed Peter, if you keep your eyes on Jesus, fear can't take over. We can shine our light by having faith, and trusting Jesus, even when things seem scary.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks! Today we learned about... **Faith That Glows in the Darkness!**

- **Jesus Shining through the Darkness**
- **Jesus the Hope in the Darkness**
- **Shine Your Light by Having Faith and Trusting Jesus**

Sometimes, life feels like you are stuck in a big storm or floating in space with no way to get home.
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Sometimes, problems and worries can seem too big to handle, just like the huge waves that crashed against the disciples' boat. But remember, even when we can't see Him, Jesus is always with us, ready to help when we need Him.

Call to Action

This week, be like Peter and take a step of faith to keep your light shining bright! When you feel afraid, unsure, or like you're facing a "storm," remember you are not alone. Stop, Pray, and Call on Jesus, and let Him know you need help. Keep your eyes on Jesus; instead of letting fear stop you, choose to trust Him and shine your light.

Here's Your Challenge:

- Each day this week, write down or draw one time you felt worried or scared.
- Pray and ask Jesus to help you, just like Peter did when he started sinking.
- Choose to take a step of faith—trust Jesus and do what's right, even when it's hard.

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. When did the storm happen? **At night**
2. What did the disciples think they saw on the water? **A ghost.**
3. What made the disciples afraid when they were in the storm? **Possible answers: The disciples were afraid because the wind and waves were so strong; they thought they were in danger.**
4. What did Peter say when he was sinking? **Lord, save me!**
5. What was the name of the sea that the disciples were on? **The Sea of Galilee**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, even though we can't see you, thank You for always being with us, even when life feels like a big storm. Just like You walked on water and helped Peter, we know that You have the power to help us when we feel afraid or scared. Help us **keep our eyes on You**. 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? Did anything special happen? **(receive answers)**. How was school this week? **(receive answers)**.

ICEBREAKER

1. If you could name a new star, what would you call it?
2. What's the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning? (Turn on a light? Stretch? Yawn?)
3. What's your favorite glow-in-the-dark toy or object?
4. Why do you think God wants us to shine for Him?

Great job answering the questions!

RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

Last week, we learned that Jesus defeated the Darkness, and we all have a message to share and be a light to others. Your call to action from last week was to think about friends or family with whom you can share the good news that Jesus defeated the darkness. Tell us who you shared with or who is on your list and what you said.

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 that asks for prayer.

Great job answering the questions!



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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

