

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!

GLOW AND GO TIC-TAC-TOE

- **Items Needed:** Glow in the dark tic-tac-toe game
- **Live Host:** If you are ready for the first game, shout YES! I need two contestants to join me on stage. Get ready for a galactic glow tic-tac-toe game. The contestant that gets tic-tac-toe first receives 4 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! Let's get ready to play light speed leap.

LIGHT SPEED LEAP

- **Items Needed:** Potato sacks, neon tape to mark the start and finish lines.
- **Live Host:** I need four contestants to join me on stage. Get ready for a cosmic potato sack race. I need all of the contestants to get into a potato sack, and the first one to the finish line receives 2 Bible Bucks. On the count of three. One...Two...Three. Go!

COSMIC OVER UNDER

- **Items Needed:** 4 balls, and two buckets
- **Live Host:** Alright, let's get ready for our next game. I need 10 contestants to join me on stage (2 teams of 5). This is a cosmic game of over and under. I need each team to get in a straight row, facing forward. The bucket will be placed at the end of each line. The first contestant on each team will place all 4 balls in front of him/her. At go, the first contestant on each team will pass the first item over their head to the next person. The second person will pass the item between their legs to the next person and each team will repeat the over and under pattern all the way down the line. Once the last contestant receives the ball, they will throw it in the bucket. They will repeat the steps with all 4 balls. The team that gets all of their balls into the bucket first receives 3 Bible Bucks.

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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 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 are still 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: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Psalm 119:105 - Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way.

Last week, we learned how Jesus is our guiding light through the miracle that He performed for the disciples when He walked on water. For the next two weeks we will talk about what we need to continue to let our light shine. Today, we will learn to **Shine Bright with God's Word.**

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out May Week 2 of Captain Light 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

Supplies needed: blindfold, flashlight, and a volunteer or student, Bible - for lesson

Live Host Hook: I need a contestant to join me **(please use a 4th or 5th) (blindfold them)**. Can you please try walking a few steps forward without guidance? Now, I want you to remove the blindfold and turn on this flashlight. Now, try walking a few steps forward. Which way was easiest for you to walk? Which way was the hardest? **(Wait for the contestant to answer)**

Just like we may need light to see in the dark, we need God's Word to guide us in life. Without it, we can stumble into sin or confusion. Today, we will learn how the Bible is our light and how we can shine it for others!

- **The Word of God is Our Guiding Light**

Imagine being in a spaceship heading into the unknown—without a map, guiding star, or control system. What do you think will happen? **(Wait for responses)** You would be lost! The Bible is like our Galactic Glowers GPS. Does everyone know what a GPS is? If your parents have a car, they probably use a GPS, like this one **(Live Host opens a GPS app on their phone)**. GPS stands for Global Positioning System, and it helps people get to their destination by giving them directions. That is what the Word of God does.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 119:105 – “Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way.” When we read the Bible daily, it helps us see the right path, guiding us away from sin and toward God's best for us.

- **God's Word is a Weapon of Light**

The Bible is one of our greatest weapons against the darkness. In Ephesians 6:10-17, Paul describes the Armor of God. Does Everyone know what the Armor of God is? **Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit**

How many pieces of armor is that? That's the right 6 pieces! Five of the pieces of armor are designed to protect us, and the only one we use to fight with is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God! The Word of God is real and alive because it is available to us, and we can read it every day, we call it the Bible! This means that the Bible doesn't just help us find the right path (like a light); it also helps us fight against sin, just like a strong sword.

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- **The Bible is the Source That Powers Our Light**

A "source" is what gives something power or strength. Just like fuel that you would need for a car or a spaceship. Imagine a spaceship without fuel; no matter how well-designed it is, it won't move without power. The Bible is the fuel that keeps our spiritual light burning. It teaches us the truth, corrects us when we go the wrong way, and strengthens us to live for God. It teaches us the right way to live, like how to follow Jesus and make good choices.

Reading the Bible, memorizing verses, like our monthly memory verse, praying, and worshiping God at home and at church with friends and family gives us the fuel that powers our light. Just like the spaceship needs fuel, we need the Bible to keep our faith strong and our light shining brightly for Jesus.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks! Today we learned to... **Shine bright with God's Word!**

- **The Word of God is Our Guiding Light**
- **God's Word is a weapon of Light**
- **The Bible is the Source That Powers Our Light**

The Bible is our weapon against darkness. We need God's Word to power our faith, correct us when we go wrong, and help us shine brightly for Jesus!

Call to Action

This week, we learned that the Bible is our greatest weapon against darkness. Our Call to Action this Week is to memorize one or two of these verses that help us fight against the forces of darkness.

When we feel tempted to be afraid. - 2 Timothy 1:7 God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power, love, and self-control.

When we feel unworthy or unsure – Psalm 139:14 says I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.

When we feel sad - Psalm 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

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

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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 is another name for the Sword of the Spirit? **The Bible**
2. What does Psalm 119:105 call God's Word? **Lamp**
3. What are some ways you can "fuel up" by reading and applying God's Word each day? **Reading the Bible, memorizing verses, praying, and worshiping God at home and at church with friends and family**
4. How does the Bible help us in life? **It keeps us on the right path, helps us make decisions, and guides us away from sin (Open Answers).**
5. What happens to a spaceship if it runs out of fuel? **It won't move!**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for giving us Your Word as our guiding light. Help us understand the importance of reading the Bible every day so we can stay on the right path and make good choices. Remind us of the truths in your word when we feel afraid, hopeless, or lonely, and help us remember that you are always with us. When we feel weak, give us strength through Your promises. 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 were a planet, which one would you be and why??
2. What makes you feel safe when it's dark?
3. If you could light up anything in the world, what would it be?
4. Who in your life shines Jesus' light well?
5. Would you rather shine like a star or beam like a flashlight?

Great job answering the questions!

RECAP CALL TO ACTION

5 MINS

Last week, we learned to be like Peter and take a step of faith to keep our light shining bright! When you feel afraid, unsure, or like you're facing a "storm," remember to keep your eyes on Jesus. Instead of letting fear stop you, choose to trust Him and shine your light.

For our call to action, we were to:

- **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.**

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.



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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

"Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way."

PSALM 119:105

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!

