

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!

SPACE LOOPS

- **Items Needed:** Chopsticks and fruit loops
- **Live Host:** If you are ready for the first game, shout YES! I need eight students to join you onstage. Each contestant will get a pair of lightsaber chopsticks and fruit loops. On the count of 3, they will start to stack the fruit loops only using the chopsticks. The contestant with the tallest fruit loop tower will win. The winner receives a Bible Buck.
- *(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.

GLOWER BOP IT

- **Items Needed:** Bop It Game
- **Live Host:** I need four contestants to join me on stage. Twist it, pull it, and take the game out of this galaxy with glower bop it. Contestants line up and play the game one at a time. When it says "pass it" give the game to the next contestant. If a contestant messes up, they are out! The contestant at the end of the game will receive 5 Bible Bucks.

STAY IN ORBIT

- **Items Needed:** Hula Hoops
- **Live Host:** Alright, let's get ready for our next game. I need 6 contestants to join me on stage. I need each contestant to spread out and grab a hula hoop. On the count of three, all of the contestants will begin hula hooping. The contestant that hula hoops the longest 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 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!

In last week's lesson, we learned about how the Holy Spirit is our Power Source. Today, we conclude our theme, Galactic Glow: Shining the Light of Jesus, by reviewing what we have learned.

- Jesus is the light of the World!
- Jesus is Our Shining King!
- Jesus is alive; the darkness is defeated!
- Faith That Glows in the Darkness
- Shine Bright with God's Word
- The Holy Spirit, our Power Source

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Key Scripture: Our key scripture for this lesson comes from Matthew 5:16 - In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven.

(At this point, you can decide to play the lesson video or act out May Week 4 of Captain Light Skit)

LESSON VIDEO OR CAPTAIN LIGHT SKIT

2-3 MINS

(Both are found in the media file)

MINISTRY LESSON

10 MINS

Supplies needed: Unbroken Glow Sticks (one per student). Give each student a glow stick, but don't let them crack it yet.

Live Host Hook: Can this glowstick shine right now? **(No!)** Right now, the glow stick has the power to shine, but it needs to be activated. Just like that, our faith needs Jesus to help us shine! **(Have the students to crack their glow sticks and hold them up high)**, Throughout this series, we have learned that Jesus is the Light, and we are called to shine for Him. He has given us the Holy Spirit, faith, and His Word to activate the light within us. Today, we will review what we learned and **Keep Shining for Jesus!**

- Jesus is the Light of the World**

Remember when the disciples were in the storm? They felt very scared and hopeless because the darkness of night made the storm worse. We have to remember that 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. The Bible says in John 8:12 - Later, Jesus talked to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness. He will have the light that gives life."

When the world feels dark, filled with problems and confusion, keep close to your heart that Jesus came to bring light, hope, and truth to a world that needed Him. He healed the sick, taught about God's love, and gave new life to those who believed in Him. Just like turning on a flashlight in a dark room helps us see clearly, Jesus helps us to see through the darkness, and we can always call on him.

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- **The Holy Spirit Helps Us Shine Bright**

The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us of God's truth, and guides us to make the right choices, helping us follow Jesus every day. We talked about the story of the day of Pentecost, which happened during a celebration in Jerusalem, where something amazing happened: the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit! Suddenly, they had the boldness and power to tell people about Jesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were ignited to share their faith. Once the Holy Spirit filled them, they shined brightly for Jesus, speaking about Him with courage and confidence. The Holy Spirit is like our power source, filling us with the strength, courage, and wisdom we need to live for Jesus. The same Holy Spirit that helped the disciples gives us power today!

- **We Must Keep Our Light Shining!**

Do you remember how Jesus was welcomed in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? What did the people shout? **(Hosanna)** Do you remember what the people waved? **(Palm branches)**

Just as the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, He was also met with rejection by those who refused to see Him as the true light of the world. Yet, Jesus never stopped shining His light—He continued teaching, healing, loving, and ultimately giving His life for us.

As His followers, we are called to do the same. The world around us can sometimes be dark and filled with negativity, doubt, and sin. But no matter what, **we must let our light shine for Jesus!** Even when people don't understand our faith or when we face challenges, we can choose to reflect the love and truth of Christ.

MINISTRY MOMENT

10 MINS

Raise your hand and tell me something you learned today. I am giving away Bible bucks! Today we learned that... **Keep Shining for Jesus!**

- **Jesus is the Light of the World**
- **The Holy Spirit Helps Us Shine Bright**
- **We Must Keep Our Light Shining!**

Our light shines through our actions, words, and attitudes. When we follow Jesus, our light grows brighter, drawing others to Him. Every time we show love, kindness, and patience, we are reflecting Jesus to the world.

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Call to Action

The world can feel dark with problems and sadness, but your kindness can shine brightly! Our call for action this week:

- **Do one act of kindness each day**—help a sibling, write an encouraging note, or include someone who feels left out.
- **Write or draw** how you felt when you shined your light!

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 Jesus say about Himself in John 8:12? **I am the light of the world**
2. What event happened when the Holy Spirit first filled the disciples? **Pentecost!**
3. How did the disciples change after receiving the Holy Spirit? **They became bold and shared Jesus with confidence!**
4. How was Jesus welcomed when He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? **People shouted "Hosanna!" and waved palm branches.**
5. What does it mean to shine our light for Jesus? **We should reflect on His love, truth, and kindness in everything we do.**

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

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for being the light that shines in every dark place. When we are scared, sad, or confused, help us remember that You are always with us. We want to follow You and be lights in the darkness. Thank You for filling us with the Holy Spirit, for giving us Your power, Your love, and Your light. 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 an astronaut, what's the first thing you'd do in space?
2. How do you feel when you hear that Jesus is the Light of the World?
3. If you had a pet that glowed, what animal would it be?
4. If you could tell the whole world one thing about Jesus, what would it be?

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:

Write down any time you let your light shine this week. How did the Holy Spirit help you be brave or do what was right?

Use Your Words - Tell someone about Jesus or encourage a friend.

Use Your Actions – Help someone in need or choose to do the right thing, even when it's hard.

Use Your Love - Show kindness to someone even if they aren't kind to you first.

Remember, whoever shares receives 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

"In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16

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...

SCAN ME

Check out this month's Memory Verse Song!

