

Sixth Grade Session 15: Sharing the Light of Jesus

Opening Prayer

Dear Jesus, you are the light of the world. Let your light shine in our hearts. We are glad that we have you as a light to show us the way to heaven. Please let Your light shine brightly within us. Amen.

- Jesus wants everyone to experience a personal specialness in our relationship with Him; like meeting someone we really care a lot about after not seeing them for a while, or being warm like on a cold, dark winter day.
- So, as we find the light of Jesus in our life, we are called to share His light with others.
- It's not enough to experience the light of Jesus and keep it to ourselves and hide it away.
- When someone does something special for us we naturally want to call, or text a friend; post our excitement!
- We are all created with different gifts and talents.
- We need to let these gifts shine and reflect the light of Jesus onto the people we meet in our lives.

Read and write down the answer to the questions that follow the Scripture:

Matthew 5:14-16

John 3:19-20

John 8:12

- Why does Jesus ask us to share His light rather than hide it?
- What do you think the world would look like if no one lived in the darkness, or in fear?
- What is one thing you can do after this lesson to let the light of Jesus into your life?
- How can you share the light of Christ with others?

Letting the Light In

- In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells us not to hide the light we have received and instead, share it with others so they too may find light in the darkness.
- He also says, "let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
- In order for us to share the light of Christ with others, we have to let His light into our lives.

Please take the time to reflect on the questions below relating to the verses in Matthew. Being a “light of the world” is sharing all the good that you have in you and ultimately living like Jesus.

- What does it mean to be a “light”?
- How do we get this light? (*Given to us by God*)
- How can we strengthen it? (*going to church, receiving communion, reading the bible, praying, doing good works*)
- Does it ever go out? Completely? (*It may dim if we stray from Christ’s path, but never completely goes out.*)
- How can we make it burn brighter? (*renewing our faith: Eucharist, church, prayer, good works, etc*) *To summarize, being a “light of the world” means working our hardest to live like Jesus did because he is the best example of a “light of the world”!*

Share the Light

It is not enough to simply experience the light of Jesus, to keep it to ourselves and hide it away. We must go out and share about our God who loves us so much that He came to save us from all darkness.

- How do we share our light with others?
- How can we let our light shine in our families, at school, with friends, with neighbors, at church, etc.? (*If you are having a hard time coming up with answers, think about your favorite sport and how you help teammates, coaches...etc.*)

You can inspire your family and friends by the way you live your life. You can share the light of Jesus with others by telling them about Jesus, inviting them to Mass or share some of your Faith Formation lessons with them! Some of the Encounter videos and lessons were pretty cool!

Don’t underestimate the witness of your life. When people see you treating others well, standing up for what is right, and refusing to cheat or gossip, they will know there is something different about you. Turn on the Light Bulb and go out and Shine!