



SHINE BRIGHT!
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NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasecca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was **SHINE BRIGHT!**

This parent info sheet can be used by you at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children and help them to get the most out of it.

The 'main ideas' section of this parent info sheet has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful discussion with your children.

To help your children really share what is in their hearts and minds with you, and so YOU can actively build faith and wisdom into them, when it comes to the 'Ask' points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond and really show them you are listening and that you understand.

We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasecca@enjoy.church
God bless you!

Family Ice Breaker – Build-off

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we saw Joshua unwrap many boxes to find a light and turn it on - all within a minute.

You might like to do a similar challenge at home.

You could simplify it by hiding a torch and providing some clues as to where to find it.

You could just get into a dark space and turn a torch on, and then talk about it.

Whatever you do - have fun!

Today's Scripture References

Read, repeat & recite - now and this week at mealtimes

Psalm 119:105 (AMP)

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

John 8:12 (AMP)

Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, "I AM the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

"You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

OR Matthew 5:14-16 (AMP)

"You are the light of Christ to the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and recognize and honor and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Discussion:

Say: Isn't it amazing how God made light to be fast (300,000 km per second), and to chase away the darkness!

Ask: What did you think of the amazing plants and creatures that God created to make light, and to shine bright? Can you remember what some of them were? Which did you like best? Why? [you might like to look some of them up together and discuss them – today we only looked at fireflies, fungi, coral, jellyfish, and plankton – there are more wonderful plants and creatures to be found]

Ask: Have you noticed the way the light chases away the darkness? What happens to the dark when a light is turned on? Where the light is, is there darkness?

Say: The sun gives us light and warmth for the day, it is like a big light. The moon and stars are like smaller lights, like a torch or a lamp - they let the night be dark enough for us to sleep well but light enough that we can see just enough to see where we need to go.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105 (AMP) - Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

Ask: Are you glad that when you get up in the night and you need to go to the toilet that you can have a night light or you can turn on the light to see where you are going, and what you are doing?

Say: The Word of God (Bible) is like a light, it shows us where to go and not to go, what to do, and how to do it.

Scripture: John 8:12 (AMP) - Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, "I AM the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Say: Jesus says that He is the Light of the world and that He has put His Light in us.

Ask: What do you think of that?

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Say: When we think of light and darkness we think of:

- * hope and hopelessness
- * good and evil
- * right and wrong
- * love and hate
- * life and death
- * Heaven and Hell

Say: Jesus wants us to show people the Light. [read the list again and ask your kids to tell you which is the light and think of a way that they can show others that light]

Say: A lighthouse does its most important work at night, when it is dark. It lets the ships know that there is land nearby, and rocks. It helps the captains of the ships know where the danger is so they can chart a course (find the best and safest way) to get to the shore or a safe harbor or a port. It helps them to see where to go and where not to go.

Ask: What do you think would happen if we covered the light on the light house or we turned the light off?

Say: We are like lighthouses for the world. We show people the way to Jesus, because we don't want them to NOT go to Heaven. Jesus talks about us being the light in a dark world. People who don't know about Him are like people in the dark. We are the people in the light. We reflect the light of Jesus like a reflector on a bike, and like a mirror. Let's decide to always shine the light of Jesus, that is in us.

Ask: What do you like to be a light that shines bright for Jesus?

Let's Pray! Dear Heavenly Father... thank You that You have great plans for us. Lord, You made us, and You have placed Your Light in us. Please help us to remember this, and to really let the world see that we are proud to be LOVED by You and to show the world Your love...in the name of Jesus, Amen!

