



WEEK
ONE
APRIL 7, 2024

**LARGE
GROUP**

LARGE GROUP GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus says to
let my light shine.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD
MATTHEW 5:1-2, 14-16

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! Why? Because we're going to learn about how we can do what Jesus says! When I ask, 'Who can do what Jesus says, I want you to say, 'I can do what Jesus says!' Who can do what Jesus says?'"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "I can do what Jesus says!"

MEMORY VERSE

"Let your light shine."

MATTHEW 5:16, NIV

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, I can do what Jesus says. That's right! Jesus loves you and me. His love is so amazing. Stand up on your feet and sing this with me!"

Lead children in singing "You Love Me," this month's worship song.

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be
your friend forever?

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! Jesus loves us! And the Bible teaches us that Jesus says, 'Let (move flat hands forward from your hip) your light (palms facing forward) shine' (twinkling hands moving out) Matthew 5:16. (Open hands like a book.)"

"Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Do it with me!"

Lead children to say the Memory Verse with the motions.

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

"Great job, friends! We can sing and shout because Jesus is the best! Thanks for worshipping with me today! And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (wiggle hands) so we can hear (cup hands behind ears) what the story's all about!"

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BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

"Every time you do what Jesus says, you shine your light. And Jesus says to shine your light so the world can see what Jesus is like. He wants us to shine our light so other people will believe in Him and follow Jesus, too! Raise your hand if you can do what Jesus says and shine your light."

"We can do what Jesus says and shine our light! So, when I ask you 'Who can do what Jesus says?', I want you to say, 'I can do what Jesus says!' Let's try it! Who can do what Jesus says?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "I can do what Jesus says!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! Let's pray! Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us to shine our light so everyone can see how great You are. You're the best., God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."