

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we are looking at Matthew 5:14-16 and the importance of letting Christ's light shine out from us. The way our little ones live their lives can be a powerful witness to others of what Christ is doing in their life.

This Sunday's service is also our Generation Service. I encourage you and your little ones to watch together. I have attached some colouring in pages for them at the end of this document for them to enjoy during the service. If you don't have access to a printer please encourage your children to draw what you talked about or how Jesus is the light of the world.

Blessings,
Jess

Supplies

- Torch, lamp or phone light
- Dark room or heavy dark blanket
- Bible
- Paper and Pencils

Worship

This week as our theme is letting the light of Jesus shine out brightly from us the song we will be singing is This Little Light of Mine. Below is the link to the version which specially references Jesus as being the light. We are letting the light of Jesus shine and we can jump around and shout the good news we know about Him.

"Jesus is the light, I'm gonna let Him shine."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkblZtqhyQ>

Bible Time

To start off today's session, you will need to be in a dark room or under a heavy blanket. You will also need a torch or lamp which you can turn on, this could be the flashlight on your smart phone.

1: Sitting in the dark room or under the heavy blanket comment on how hard to it too see each other.

You may like to have your children try to see how many fingers you are holding up.

2: Help your children turn on the torch, lamp or light. Notice how bright it is after. You have been in a dark room.

Hold up your fingers again and comment on how much easier it is now that there is a bright light shining.

3: The Bible tells us that Jesus is the light of the world. He is like the torch shining brightly. When we believe in Jesus his light is inside of us and is shining out.

Your child may be able to hold the light source close to them, as if the light is shining from within them.

4: How can we make sure that our 'Jesus' light is switched on and shining bright? How can we make sure that others see our Jesus light?

When we help others, Jesus' light is shining out

When we tell others about Jesus, His light is shining out

5: While these particular verses are unlikely to be found in your children's Bible it is important for them to see that these words are God's words found in the Bible.

Help them find Matthew 5 in your Bible and then read them verse 16.

Prayer + Craft

Today's craft will also be our prayer activity, called the 5-finger prayer. This is a simple tool to help teach your little ones different people they can be praying for.

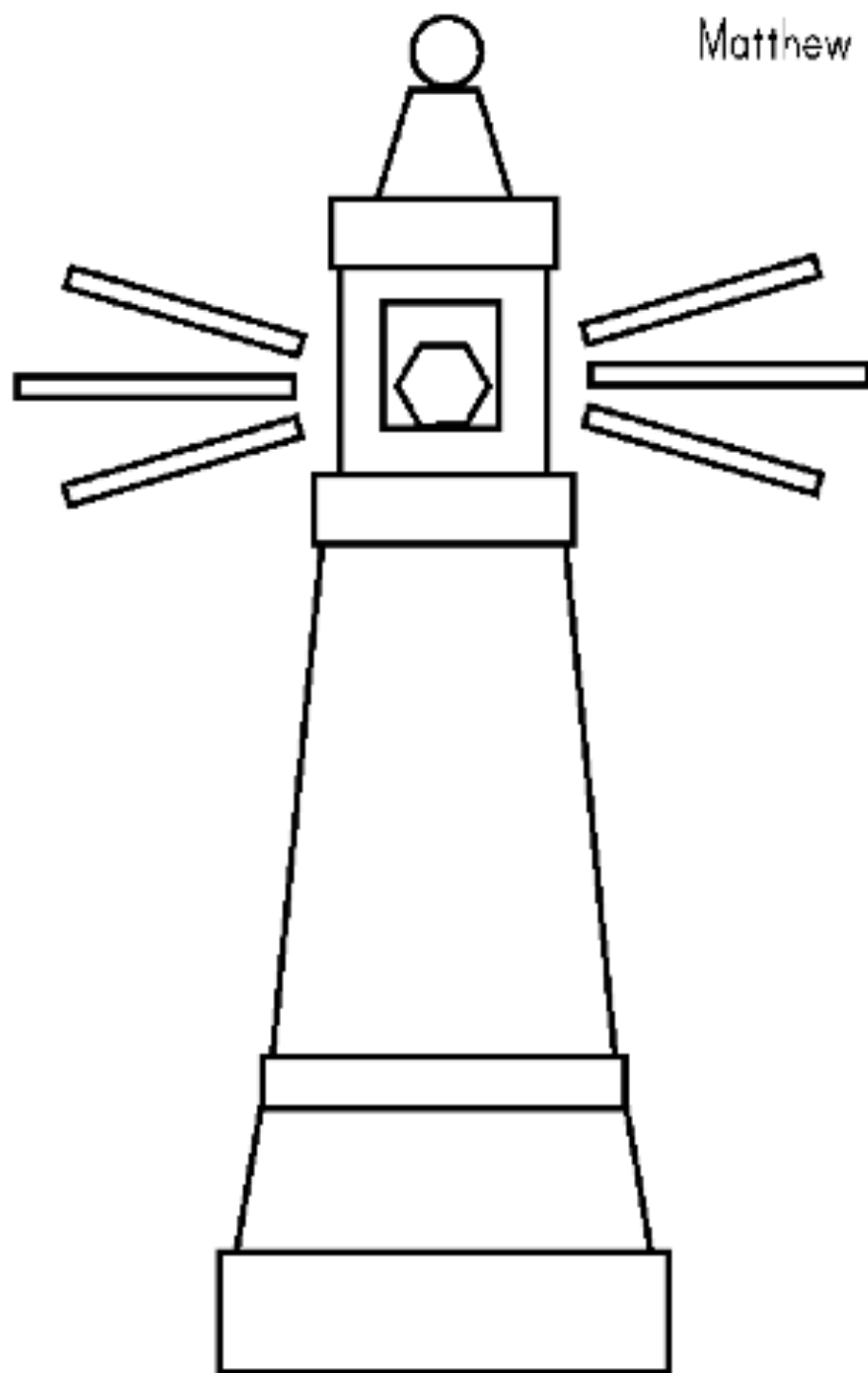
1: Trace your children's hand onto a piece of paper.

- Ours **thumbs** are the closest finger to us reminding us to pray for people who we are close to like our families.
- Our **pointer** finger is for those who point the way such as Sunday school teachers.
- Our **middle** finger, is the tallest and reminds us to pray for people who lead our church.
- Our **ring** finger is the weakest and reminds us to pray for people who need help.
- Our **pinky** is the smallest finger, reminding us after we have prayed for everyone else we pray for ourselves.

2: As you make your way through each finger your children may like to draw something or someone they know for each category.

Jesus is the Light of the World

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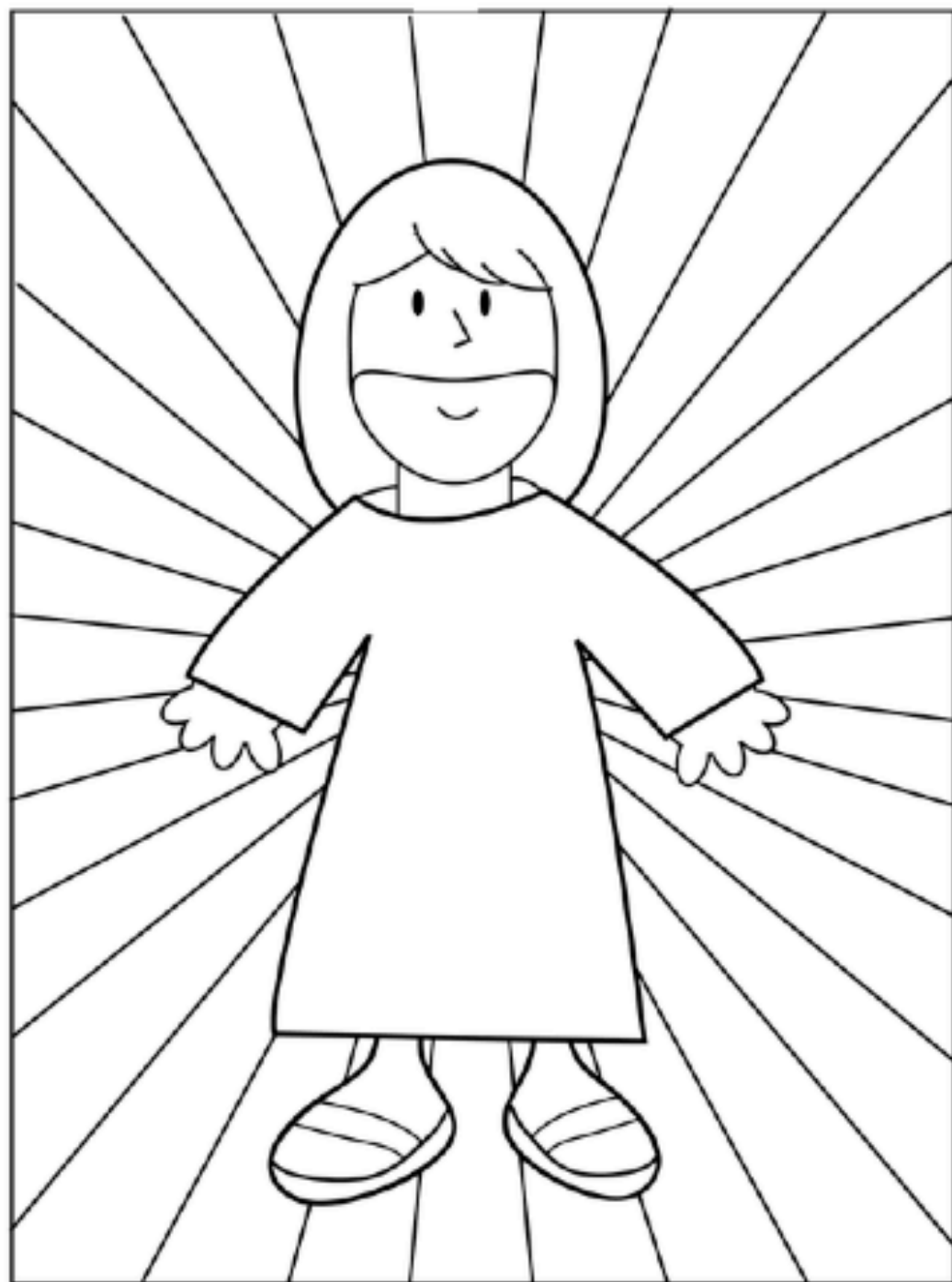


A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Mandy Groce '12

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