



# Shine your light



**What is a parable?** When Jesus taught he often used parables. These are short stories that teach an important truth. A story to help us understand God's ways.

Sometimes the people would understand the meaning of the teachings and other times Jesus would have to explain it afterwards.

**Read** Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Can you hide a city on top of a hill? No, its light at night can be seen for miles. If we live for Jesus, we will glow like lights, showing others what He is like.

Jesus is telling us that when we know and love him we should show that to others and not hide it. How do you think you could let your light shine like that?

- Telling people about God, helping others, setting a good example.

If we don't do these things we are like a light under a basket. No one can see our light.

When you shine people will notice that you stand out and are different. When people notice this difference you can point them to God. It is Him making the difference in you.

### Activity

Make a picture of different sources of light. Draw yourself in the picture too. Put the picture up as a reminder to shine each day for Jesus.

### Think about...

Does the way you live your life- the things that you do and say- shine and show people Jesus?

### Joke

**HAHA!**  
Why did the monster eat the light bulb?  
Because he needed a light snack!

### Songs

Here are some of my favourite songs about shining for Jesus. Do you know any others?



-City on a Hill – Nick and Becky Drake

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

-Shine From the Inside Out

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2xc-w8Zcbo>

### Prayer

Get a torch and find a dark spot in your house. You might need to close some curtains. Sit in the dark for a moment and then turn the torch on. As you sit there look at the light coming from the torch and ask God to help you be a light to other people.

Is there someone in particular who comes to mind? Spend some time praying that your words and actions would have an impact on this person and show them the light of Jesus.

