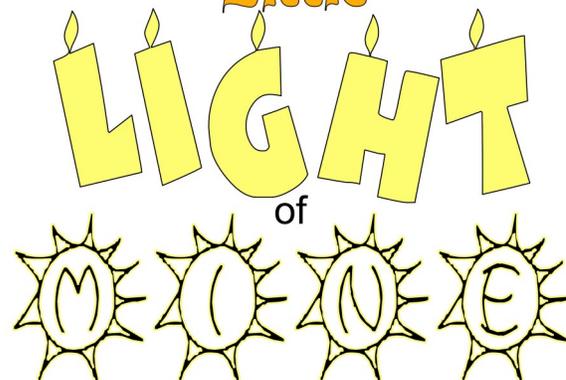




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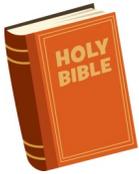
This
Little



By Dave Green



The dark can be a scary thing. Shadows move. Weird shapes. Strange sounds. The things that scare us at night do not scare us in the light. In the light we can see that the shadow was just a tree branch outside our window, blowing in the wind. The weird shape is just our coat on the chair. The strange sound was just Dad getting a drink of water. The Bible tells us that we were once in the darkness of sin, but now Jesus Christ has given us light. We can shine for Him!



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:15-16.

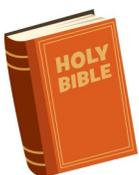


Most young kids learn a song at church called *This Little Light of Mine*. The idea for the song comes from Matthew 5:15-16 in which Jesus commands his disciples to let their light shine before men with good works that God would be glorified. Jesus talks about how it makes no sense to have light and hide it under a basket. In the same way, Paul says we are light in the Lord. It is part of identity now that we have been saved and come out of the darkness of sin.

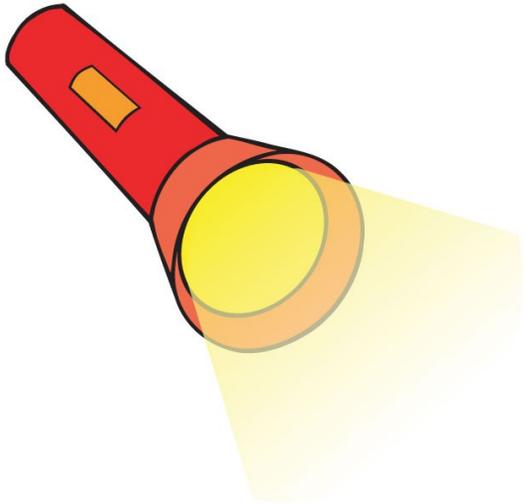


GOD'S WORD SAYS: "For you were at one time darkness, but now are you light in the Lord: walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:8.

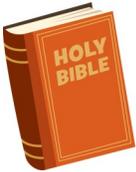
In the Bible, light is a symbol of good and right, while darkness is a symbol of sin and evil. Most of us think we are getting away with sin, like hiding in the dark, but God calls us to live in the light and to be a light to others. We are to shine as lights in the world.



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." Philippians 2:15.



It is a high calling to walk in the light and shine as examples. Others may be quick to point out our faults and failings. The light, however, doesn't come purely from us. It is Christ who has shone in our hearts. Many Christians are still living in the dark because they prefer to sin or don't want to share Christ. God is calling us into the light and be a witness for Him in our actions and words.



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6.

Sing "This Little Light of Mine."

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine,
All the time!

Don't let Satan blow it out!
I'm going to let it shine,
Don't let Satan blow it out!
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine,
All the time!

Don't put it under a bushel, No!
I'm going to let it shine,
Don't put it under a bushel, No!
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine,
All the time!

Let it shine till Jesus comes,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine till Jesus comes,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine,
All the time!

Many kids have enjoy summer camp. Dave Green is the writer of this month's Truth for Youth. He directs Northern Grace Youth Camp in Wisconsin. He says many campers say that one of the best parts of camp is the campfire: sitting in the dark, singing songs, praising the Lord.

Draw yourself around the campfire below. In the bubble, draw something you can praise the Lord for.

