

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level K • Unit 5 • Week 3

JESUS CHRIST—PARABLE OF LAMP UNDER A BASKET

OBJECTIVE:

To learn that we are to be good examples from the parable of the lamp under a basket.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Supplies: Flashlight
Laundry basket
Towel or blanket

Have a flashlight shining under a laundry basket.

Ask: Can you see the light?

Response: No, or just a little.

Cover the basket with a towel or blanket.

Ask: Can you see the light now?

Put flashlight on the table.

Ask: How about now? Can you see the light?

Response: Yes.

Ask: Why can you see the light better now?

Response: Because the light is out in the open and not covered.

Turn over flashlight so it faces up.

Ask: How is the light now?

Response: Very bright.

BIBLE LESSON:

Say: This is how God wants our actions to be. Very bright. He wants us to be good and kind to others so that other people will learn to be that way too.

Say: Jesus said to His disciples, "Is a lamp to be under a basket, or under a bed, and not set on a table? There is no secret you can keep from God. You need to listen and do good" (Mark 4:21-25).

Say: Good is being kind. If someone is hungry, you give them food. If someone is alone, you talk and play with them. If someone needs help, you work with them until the job is done.

Ask: How can you do good?

Ask: How have you helped someone and what did you do?

Response: (Children answer and you can tell of how you helped at Church or home.)

Say: When we do good and help others, we please God.

Ask: Why?

Say: Let's read Matthew 5:14-16. When we do good things, we cause other people to give God thanks. God likes to see people work together and care for one another. God wants us to be an example of goodness and kindness. This is how God Himself is. God works and gives to others.

Ask: How can you show kindness to someone who is alone?

Response: Talking to them. Playing with them. Inviting them to your house to play.

Ask: How can you show kindness to someone who wants the toy you're playing with?

Response: Have them play with you. Let them have the toy.

Say: When you give someone your toy, you are being a shining light of goodness. You are being a good example.

Ask: If everyone tried to be kind and help others, how would our world be?

Response: A nicer place. Happy.

Ask: Do you think God ever gets tired of giving to others or being good?

Say: No, God doesn't get tired of giving to others. God is good and loving. Our life on earth

LESSON APPLICATION:

Supplies: Toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls cut in half (one per student)
Colored construction paper cut in rectangles 4 1/2 x 6 inches (one per student)
Tape
Crayons
Copy of memory verse
Glue
Stickers or other decorative items (optional)
Yellow or orange construction paper cut into "flames" (two per student)
White chenille wires (one per student)
Hole puncher

Let children make pretend candles to remind them to be lights—examples—to the world.

1. Glue on memory verse to construction paper.
2. Decorate construction paper with crayons and other decorative items.
3. Cover paper roll with construction paper and tape securely.
4. Punch hole at bottom of candle, put chenille wire through hole and twist end around to secure. Push remaining wire up the center of the "candle" to be the wick.
5. Glue construction paper flames to each other with the top of the chenille wire wick in between.

Music:

Sing "This Little Light of Mine," or sing the following to the tune of B-I-N-G-O.

There was a man who was God's Son
And Jesus was His name-o.
J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S
And Jesus was His name-o.

There was a man who fed 5,000
And Jesus was His name-o
J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S
And Jesus was caring.

You should be a shining light,
And a good example.
J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S
As Jesus was for us.

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world."

family activity

THE POINT:

To learn that we are to be good examples from the parable of the lamp under a basket.

ASK ME...

What does being a light mean?

Why does God want us to be a good example?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Discuss some of the following questions:

- What benefits are there from being good?
- How can you set a good example in your family? In your neighborhood? In your school? In your community?

Read a Bible story about someone who set a good example, such as Ruth or Dorcas. Talk about the effect their example had on others.

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world."