

## Light it Up Lesson

### (intro with Firework playing)

- BL - God wants me to light up the world!
- Ask kids what their favorite thing is about the 4th of July?
- My favorite thing is Fireworks! Ask the kids what Fireworks do?
- Talk about how fireworks light up a dark sky, you can't miss them, they stand out from the darkness.
- Fireworks weren't around in Bible times, but if they had been I think God would have told us to light up the world like a firework!
- **1. We are the light!**
- Read John 9:5
- Talk about how since Jesus is not longer on earth, He has called us to be the light of the world and show others Jesus through our lives.
- What are some ways we can light up the world?
- **2. We need to live in the light!**
- Read Ephesians 5:8-10
- Talk about how we were all once in darkness because of sin, but when we asked Jesus to come into our lives we were filled with his light!
- Everything we do and say we need to ask ourselves, Is this good, right and true? Would this please the Lord? If the answer is no, we need to walk away!
- **3. We should never hide our light!**
- Read Matthew 5:14-16

- Lights stand out! You wouldn't light a candle then cover it with a bowl, or light a firework then throw water on it!
- God wants us to shine our lights so bright that people can see God in us!
- What are some ways we can show our light to others?
- **Sparkler object lesson:**
  - Have a leader hold a sparkler (smokeless metal one) and light it up.
  - Talk about a bright the light is and how fun it is to play with sparklers, you never want them to burn out!
  - Light another sparkler and talk about ways that we hide and put our lights out.  
(watching movies or tv shows we shouldn't, disobeying parents, bad attitudes, lying, cheating, stealing, saying bad words, hiding/denying that we are Christians)
  - Wrap up lesson: God wants us to light up the world! Sometimes it's hard to be a light because you are going to stand out, you might not fit in, but we would rather stand out as a light, then fit in in the darkness.
  - Let's pray and ask God to help us light up our world!