

EPISODE 4

TODAY'S TRUTH

Christmas reminds me that I share His Gift.

SCRIPTURE

"You are the light of the world. A town built 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 others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16).

SUPPLY LIST

- Bible
- Yellow/Gold felt, cloth, or fabric of your choice
- Markers (for drawing on fabric)
- Optional: Instead of fabric, you may choose to color with yellow and gold crayons or markers on paper, posterboard, or whatever you have.
- Optional: age-appropriate scissors
- Pencil/something to write with

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Activity

- Talk with your family about your favorite Christmas-tree toppers. Does your family use a star? An angel? What do you like about having a star/angel/etc. at the top of a tree?
- Each member of your family is going to make a star. [*You may choose to outline the shape of a star and cut it out of gold or yellow fabric. Or you may choose to draw stars on any paper of your choice.*]
- Once everyone has their star, ask: What did Leslie say was the purpose of the star? [*Possible words could be: shine, share, light, bright, Jesus, love.*]
- With that in mind, write a word on your star.

Connect the Activity

- Talk about how stars seem to just twinkle in the sky, but they actually put out an amazing amount of light.
- Discuss how the star above the place Jesus was born was like a light showing the world, "Jesus is here!"
- In the same way, ask how that can help us understand the way our lives can shine in such a way that it shows the world, "Jesus lives here!"

READ THIS

Read Matthew 5:14-16 together.

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Challenge your camper(s) or a family member to share as much as they can remember about these verses from what Leslie shared.

Ask who can remember the Truth that Leslie shared: Christmas reminds me that I share His Gift.

TALK ABOUT IT

Dive Deeper

[*Use the following questions to explore with your family what we've learned this month and how we can share Jesus' gift.*]

1. "Christmas reminds me that Jesus is the Light." What does that mean?
2. "Christmas reminds me that I share His light." How can that truth affect the way you live every day?
3. "Christmas reminds me that Jesus is the Gift." How would you explain this fact to someone who doesn't know about Jesus?
4. What does it mean to share His gift? How can you share His gift with others every day (at home, at school, at church, at practice, in your neighborhood, etc.)

SHARE IT

Wrap Up

- Share with your family something you learned today that you didn't know before. Invite your camper(s) and other family members to share as well.
- How does knowing the Light of the world make us like a city on a hill or a lamp in a house?
- Say the truth together: Christmas reminds me that I share His Gift.
- As a family, how can you be a "shiny home" sharing the gift of Jesus' light and love with others?

