



GROUP LEADER GUIDE

FAMILY

WEEK 4: MADE TO SHINE

NOVEMBER

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Matthew 5:16 NIV

... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Point:

A family is made to let God's love show and let our light glow.

Group Activity Directions

You'll Need

- Clear cups with lids (1 of each per child)
- Glow stick (1 per child)
- Sharpie marker (1 per group)
- Yarn (4" per child)
- Scissors (1 pair per group)

To Do

1. **Pass** out a cup, lid, and glow stick to each child.
2. Help each child crack and **light** their glow stick.
3. **Ask:** How is loving your family like your glow stick? *People can see you shine God's love when you love your family.*
4. Kids **hold** the glow stick close to their chest and cover it up.
5. **Ask:** Is your love light shining for others to see? *NO!*
6. Kids **hold** their glow sticks high.
7. **Ask:** Is your love light shining for others to see now? *YES!*
8. **Place** the lid on the cup.
9. **Write** child's name on cup with the marker.
10. **Insert** the glow stick through the straw opening.
11. **Tie** a yarn loop at the end of the glow stick.
12. Kids **use** yarn loop to hang the lantern of love somewhere visible in their homes.

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Group Discussion Ideas

Get Everyone Talking

1. What news show would you want to be a reporter for?
2. What does everyone in your family say you are good at?
3. Clint's voice box made him speak many different languages. What language would you learn if you had a voice box?

Check For Understanding

1. Why was Ray upset with her Space Station family? *They acted differently from who they really are to try and impress other people.*
2. Does your family have to look perfect to shine for God? *No! God shines His love through your family when you believe in Jesus and do your best to follow Him.*
3. What does a family need the most to show God's love to others? *A family needs to follow Jesus as their example to show God's love and power.*
4. What does it mean to be the salt of the earth? *It means I follow Jesus' example and treat all people with love. When I love others, others will want to know more about God.*
5. Why does Jesus tell you to be salt and light? *People who don't know Jesus need to see what God's love looks like.*

Apply To This Week

1. What will you do to shine God's love in your family? *I will show love with my actions instead of only saying "I love you" with words.*
2. Who are some people your family knows that need to see what God's love is like? *Answers will vary.*
3. What can your family do to show God's love to the people you mentioned? *Use kind words, share with them, help them without asking, tell them about Jesus, offer them a ride to church, play with them, ask them over for dinner, be yourself, etc.*

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