LET IT SHINE
3. Two Debtors

OBJECTIVES
Teach the parable of the two debtors, as well as how Jesus responded to Simon when he criticized the woman who was washing Christ's feet with her tears and drying them with her hair. We need to be thankful for this example and the forgiveness it shows.

PREPARATION
Print copies of the page with the woman washing Christ's feet. If you have a color printer and are using the CD, you could print one copy in color on cover stock to use as a visual aid. If not, you could color the one you will show. Print copies of the praying hands on cover stock. White, or some light pastel color would work well. Cut them out. If possible, print the graphics of things for which we are thankful on a different color. The page with Jesus and people should be some light pastel color. The other page could be printed on three or four different colors of cover stock (bright colors would be good). Then alternate them after you cut them out so the finished praying hands will look colorful with all of the different things for which we should be thankful. Print the PRC cards.

BIBLE STUDY: Luke 7:36-50

LESSON
Show the graphic of the woman washing Christ's feet. Tell the lesson in your own words. Children four and older may benefit from learning how Jesus chided Simon in verses 44-47. I thought this was a little above the heads of 2s and 3s. You would need to explain the customs of that day and age to make it clear even to the older children. Be sure to stress that we are letting our lights shine when we are thankful.

ACTIVITIES
First, work on the praying hands. Give out baggies or envelopes with one of each graphic per child. Allow them to glue the graphics on either side of the praying hands. As each child finishes gluing, give him or her the page to color.

SONGS AND PRAYER
When the students finish coloring, hand out the flashlights to sing, "This Little Light of Mine." Mention that we must be thankful if we want our lights to shine! Other suggestions are: "The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, That's the Book for Me," and "Roll the Gospel Chariot Along." For the latter, mention to the children that you are going to sing about helping pick up the sinner ("If the sinner's in the way, we will stop and pick him up"), and this is the lesson Jesus was trying to teach Simon, that we should help those who want to do what is right. During the prayer be sure to thank God for His love and forgiveness. Before you pray, you might want to sing, "If You're Thankful." Be sure to make a copy for each helper. Save the copies for next week.