LET IT SHINE
2. Forgive

OBJECTIVES
Teach about the unforgiving servant. Show the children that God expects them to forgive each other, and help them understand that they will be happier when they forgive.

PREPARATION
You may either use the flip chart or the booklet for a visual aid. The activity on document 11CIFC (circle the things in the lesson) goes with the flip chart. Print the booklet on either regular weight paper or 24 lb. (just a little heavier). If you are using the CD, you could print one copy in color to use as a visual aid. If not, color your copy for the visual. Print one for each child and extra in case you have visitors. Fold in the middle, and staple it together. Then use a little piece of tape to cover the bottom of each staple so the children won't hurt their hands on the sharp edges. If possible use cover stock to print the page that begins "God wants…" (I used blue, but select any color that would look good with your hearts.) If you have foam hearts, you can use them rather than the ones that need to be cut out. (They can be purchased at a hobby or discount store, and are not too expensive if you buy a large container to use for other projects, too. Now they can be found with adhesive on the back, and they are much easier to use for preschoolers than the ones that need to be glued.) If you plan to cut them out, use at least three different colors, and then alternate them to spell "FORGIVE." (I used red, white and pink foam stickers.)

BIBLE STUDY: Matthew 18:21-35

LESSON
Read the lesson from the booklet, or tell it in your own words as you show the pages. Talk about how important it is to forgive. Don't hand out the individual booklets for the children to color until they complete the heart activity.

ACTIVITIES
Show your completed copy of the page with hearts spelling FORGIVE. Distribute the papers and hearts and explain how each letter on a heart should match the letter it is placed upon (either by pealing the back off the foam hearts or gluing the hearts you cut out prior to class). If you used the flip chart, have the children circle the things from the page that goes with it. As each child finishes, give him or her a booklet to begin coloring.

SONGS AND PRAYER
When the students finish coloring, hand out the flashlights to sing, "This Little Light of Mine." Mention that we must forgive if we want our lights to shine! Select other appropriate songs as time permits, such as: "The Devil is a Sly Little Fox," "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart," and/or "There's Not a Book Like the Holy Bible." When you lead the prayer, ask God to help each child have a forgiving heart.