LET IT SHINE
13. Is My Light Shining?

OBJECTIVES
This lesson emphasizes the point you have been trying to make with your students for the past 12 lessons: LET IT SHINE! It will focus on ways we let our lights shine, and will also review the last lesson, showing that five ladies were ready with their lights shining, and five were not ready and did not get to go with the bridegroom.

PREPARATION
Print out the coloring page in black and white (you could print one in color if you have the CD and use it as a visual aid, or just color one if you are using the book) and three activities. Print out the PRC cards

BIBLE STUDY: Matthew 5:1-14

LESSON
Use the graphic of the woman teaching the children. Talk about the ways we can let our lights shine. See what the students can suggest first, especially if they are older. Talk about last week's lesson and the five ladies who wisely brought extra oil and their lights were shining brightly.

ACTIVITIES
Do the three activities together so the class will know how to do them. Be sure to help the 2s and 3s with the dot-to-dot. If you have several, let some color while you go around the room and help each little one with the dot-to-dot so they won't do it wrong before you can help them.

SONGS AND PRAYER
Thank God for Bible class. Ask God to help the students let their lights shine for Him. Sing "This Little Light of Mine" and let each student take a flashlight home. "The Devil is a Sly Little Fox" would be a good one to sing, and talk about how the devil does not want our lights to shine! Other suggestions are "Little Red Box" and "Best Friend." If you don't know some of these, or if your students have not learned them yet, just select some of their favorites.

Before the children leave, be sure to stress to them that they are **not** to turn on their flashlights during the worship (Sunday) or closing (Wednesday). If you think this will be a real problem, you can tell the students to come and get their flashlights from you after the service.