LET IT SHINE
8. The Good Samaritan

OBJECTIVES
The main objective for little ones is to help those who are in need. However, in this day and age, it is important to teach children that when a person needs help, they should run to get an ADULT! Older preschoolers and kindergartners may be able to understand that the Samaritans and Jews were not usually friends, so it is very special when we are kind to those who are different than we are.

PREPARATION
Print the activities on regular copy paper. If you are using the CD, the mazes would look very attractive printed on a color printer. The graphics of the people and the houses can be used to color, or you could print them on various colors of paper, cut them out, and let the children glue them onto the page describing that Jesus wants us to be kind to everyone.

BIBLE STUDY: Luke 10:25-34

LESSON
Most teachers will have graphics of the good Samaritan to use, but you could also color the one the children will have to color. Another option would be to use play "little people" to show how the priest and Levite went on by and did not help, but the Samaritan stopped to help the hurt man. If you have a toy donkey, it would be helpful, too. You could even use two shiny pennies to show that he gave two pieces of money to the innkeeper to care for the hurt Jew, and promised to pay whatever else he owed when he came back. Older preschoolers and kindergartners would enjoy acting out the story themselves. Practice the new memory verse: "Walk in the light, as he is in the light" (1John 1:7) ("He" is Jesus.) Talk about how Jesus loves everyone and would never leave a person who is hurt without helping them, and how the children can be letting their lights shine by getting help from an adult for someone who is hurt.

ACTIVITIES
There are two versions of the maze, so use the one most suitable for the ages of your students. You may still need to assist some of the younger ones. Work together on the activity where they circle the graphics from the story. Save the coloring and/or gluing activities for the children to do at their own speed.

SONGS AND PRAYER
Ask God to help us love everyone and be good helpers. You could even mention, "help me find an adult to help when someone is hurt." Although it is not a religious song, you could make application with the song, "The More We Get Together," showing how friends enjoy being together and doing things for each other, and that we should make new friends (other children) and play with them, too. If you are using the flashlights to sing, "This Little Light of Mine," your students will never get tired of singing it for every class!