

Light of the World Object Lesson

For this object lesson, you will need a jar, a short, tapered candle (cut the candle down so that when held up to the jar, it only comes up about halfway...short candle), a lighter or match, and a container of water with enough water to fill your jar to the rim.

Set up your object lesson in advance.

Place the object lesson so that the children cannot see the backside of the jar.

Drip a tiny bit of hot wax onto the table and insert the candle's end into the wax to help it stand on its own.

Place the empty jar in front of the candle.

Set a container of water next to the object lesson. It would be a good idea to cover the object lesson with a large box once it is set up so that the children cannot see it in advance.

Light the candle before you begin your lesson so that the children cannot see you lighting it.

In the Bible, in Matthew 5, Jesus says that we are the light of the world.

But the world does not like the light, and it is always going to try to put your light out!

Slowly fill the jar with water from the extra jar of water while saying... "But no matter how hard the world tries to put the light out...it cannot."

Fill the jar to the rim, making sure the water level is above the flame

level.

Why do you think the world cannot put out the light? (Take Guesses).

Then slowly, pull the jar to the side, revealing the candle sitting behind the jar while saying..."Because we are not part of the world."

When we walk with Jesus, we are not part of the world, so the world cannot blow out our light, it can't drown our light, it cannot hide our light!

But...guess what? When we become part of the world, when we do things that God would not approve of...WE can put our light out! (Drop the candle into the jar of water, putting the light out)

How can we put our light out?

By becoming a part of the world!

Discuss the ways that we become part of the world.

Discuss ways that we can be the light.

A great craft to couple with this object lesson would be the Nightstand Nightlights...with light scripture...to remind them that they are the Light of the World.

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