



## Shine! Small Group Guide

### 1. Shine! Sunday School Program Ideas

We have put together a few suggestions to help you plan your at home, church or school Shine! Session for children and young people. **This is primarily for face-to-face sessions, not online!**

There is no right or wrong way of doing this! The most important thing is that you hear from our Heavenly Father as you prayerfully plan your time of worship and prayers for the "Light of the World" Movie vision.

For some, it may be a quiet time of listening, reading the Bible, prayers and occasional worship songs... for others, the sessions may be a more hands-on time with creativity, artwork, games and inspirational videos.

Our prayer is that you are able to customize your plans to suit the children and young people that will be taking part so that they are inspired, engaged and encouraged.

### 2. Goals for Shine!

We believe children are not just the Church of tomorrow – they're the Church of today! – and there is no 'Junior Holy Spirit'!

**Our suggested goals for each Shine! gathering are that they include:**

- **Prayer:** Christ-centered prayer and worship – '**Jesus at the Center**'.
- **Mobilization:** Unite children and families to pray for the "**Light of the World**" movie's release and impact.
- **Inspiration:** Empower children to see themselves as **light-bearers and nation-changers**, just like young John in the film.
- **Discipleship:** Encourage follow-up discipleship through the **Shine! Takeaway Sheet**, the film's **free curriculum** and **Tyndale resources**.
- **Mission:** Pray for children everywhere to hear and respond to the Gospel through "**Light of the World**".

"You are the light of the world... let your light shine!" – Matthew 5:14-16

### 3. Session Sample Run-Sheet

As we have already said, it's entirely up to you how you organize your Shine! program! What follows is one of a million possible options. We hope that it might help inspire you as you begin to plan.

Above all... do be ready to discard your list when the Holy Spirit takes over!

Time	Suggested Activity
0:00–0:10	Start with joyful worship – live music or video clips; get children dancing or waving scarves.
0:10–0:15	Bible Focus – read a short verse (e.g. John 8:12) and ask: What does it mean for Jesus to be the Light of the World?
0:15–0:25	Prayer Time 1 – Use the Shine! Prayer Guide and B.L.E.S.S. card. Encourage short, simple prayers. "Jesus, shine your light on my friend ____"
0:25–0:35	Creative Activity – Colouring, painting, drawing, Lego, actions, etc.
0:35–0:45	Prayer Time 2 – Pray for the Light of the World movie and for children and families in other nations to be reached with the Gospel message. Include Korean-style prayer (everyone prays aloud at once).
0:45–0:55	Testimonies or Prophetic Sharing – Ask: "What did God show you during this hour?" (Look at drawings, pictures etc if appropriate.)
0:55–1:00	Commission & Send Out – Introduce and distribute the S.H.I.N.E. Takeaway Sheet and bless the children to go and shine their light!

#### Tips:

- Nuke any imagined pressures to pray long prayers – "God hears 5-word prayers!"
- Spread into small groups if necessary to give everyone the opportunity to pray & participate.
- Let children lead! They can welcome people, read verses, lead worship and pray.

## 4. Shine! RESOURCES

See the [website landing page](#) for various resources:

- **Shine!** Prayer Guide – 7 themed prayer points with Bible verses
- 'Why we are God's Favorites'
- BLESS Card – Pray for 5 friends who don't yet know Jesus
- S.H.I.N.E. Takeaway Sheet – 5 ways children can share Jesus in their everyday lives
- Video Playlist (The Light of the World story and Worship Songs)

**Light of the World** have some brilliant curriculum material that can be used one-off or for a series of 6 children and youth program activities. **Tyndale** is publishing great family resources tied into LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

## 5. BONUS IDEAS

Use a globe, flashlight or candles to pray for the nations  
Write "Jesus is the Light of the World" in different languages

Play LIGHT-themed songs (e.g., "This Little Light of Mine", "Way Maker", "Shine, Jesus, Shine")

Build a paper lantern and write a prayer inside

Use hand motions to act out your prayers

Invite someone from a different church to lead worship / share a word / pray

Provide art equipment so people can draw / paint what they hear God saying as they pray

End with a "**Shine!** Cheer":

"Who **Shines!** for Jesus?" – (Kids yell) "We do!"

"Where do we **Shine?**" – "Everywhere!"

## 6. FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Let your hour be full of joy, creativity, and the presence of Jesus!

You don't need to be perfect. Just willing.

You don't need to say fancy words. Just real ones.

You don't need a big crowd. Just hearts ready to worship.

**So... get ready to SHINE!**

