

# LET IT SHINE

## SCRIPTURE:

*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5: 16).*

## MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Matches/Flashlight

## MAIN MESSAGE:

Let your light shine through how you treat people, and give all the glory to God.

**SONG:** "This Little Christian Light of Mine"

## LESSON:

I grew up on the Indiana Jones movies, and there is a scene in all of the movies where Indy faces something nasty in the dark. Whether it is snakes, spiders, rats, or bugs, they all seem to be present in a dark room, and he and his partners are only aware of the presence of them when he strikes a match.

The iconic scene of Indy landing on the floor of a snake-infested pit as a king cobra raises its head played over and over again in my dreams well into adulthood. There is just something about a dark room and all you can hear is a creepy noise, only to turn on a flashlight or a lamp and realize you are surrounded by something terrible like snakes.

While most adults grow out of a fear of the dark, most still would prefer even a dim light to pitch black. Most creatures God created are drawn to the light, and when a match is struck in a dark room, all eyes are drawn to it. Matthew 5 talks about how we are to be the lights of the world. We are to do this by doing good to all men. Our good works should draw the lost towards the one true Light of the world. If we let our light shine in this dark world by walking, talking, and working for Christ it will draw the lost towards Him.

**PRAYER:** Give us open doors of opportunity to let our light shine through the good works we do for You.