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Be a Witness, Be a friend

Let Your Light Shine



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Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

3 Nephi 5: 61-63

Verily, verily I say unto you, I give unto you to be the light of this people. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel? Nay, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house;

Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

A Lesson from the 10-11 year old class taught by Sue Porter

Question: What words or phrases are in both scripture readings? (Light, let your light so shine, good works, glorify your Father which is in heaven) Write these on a poster board along with the above scriptures.

Read: Matthew 5: 1-16. This will help us understand how 3rd Nephi, Chapter 5, correlates with Matthew chapter 5.

Discuss: Reading the beatitudes explains more of what it means by "letting our light so shine before men so they can see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven."

Verses 14-16 are very much like 3 Nephi 5: 61-63.

If we look at verse 13, it talks about you being the salt of the earth, then verse 14 about being a light of the world, then verse 15 that we don't light a candle and put it under a bushel but on a candlestick, and give that light to all that are in our house. In other words, ***we need to share what we know about our Father in heaven and all the good things He does for us.***

Verse 16 matches with 3N 5:63.

Brainstorm: Everyone takes one minute to think about some good works they do that glorify our Heavenly Father. After one minute, share what we wrote. Record everyone's ideas onto the poster.

Wrap up: What can we add to our list of good works which will glorify our Father?

Summary: These things can all help us be a better friend to, letting our light shine, and to be a witness of the gospel of Christ for others.



Jesus, My One True Friend

I had a friend,

Who I once thought would be a friend to the end.
We did everything together, in every kind of weather.

We shared our toys, climbed the highest trees,
Took care of each other when we injured our knees.

We laughed together, together we cried,

Then one day my friend to me lied.

He invited me to a party, said it would be way cool,

But at this party they were breaking every rule.

They were smoking and drinking

But all I could do was say, "What are you thinking"?

I lost a friend that day.

Realizing he wasn't really a friend anyway.

A true friend won't lead you down a path that's bad.

A true friend only desires to make you glad.

I have decided to follow Jesus,

my one true friend in life,

For he will never lead me down paths

that leads me into strife.

So when worldly friends try to lead me away,

I'll tell them I'm following Jesus today.

You can come and go with me,

And from temptation be set free;

Or follow the path of sin,

In which you cannot win.

But as for me,

I will follow Jesus, He has made me free.

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