FAMILY FUN

To have some fun together and reinforce the learning this week try some of the ideas below as a family.

1. Pass the Light

Very carefully gather together in a circle. Give each person a candle (you might want to use candle protectors for little people) Explain that it is an unlit candle, doing nothing, producing nothing. If you are able, turn the lights off so that the room is fairly dark. Light one person's candle and pass the light along. This is showing how they share their "lights." Remind the kids that God wants us to be a light like him, and have a chat about what that means.

2. Paper bag lights

For this activity you will need a paper bag (fl at-bott omed sort if possible), a small cheap fl ashlight or glow stick for each of the children, as well as some textas, coloured paper, scissors and glue. Give each child a paper bag to decorate with the verse Matthew 5:14 or John 8:12.

They can cut out a few small holes in their paper bag as eyes, nose and mouth etc. Children might also like to colour the bag or use pieces of cut out coloured paper to make it look like themselves. When the bags are completed, turn off the lights and let the children shine a flashlight into the bag to see the light showing through.

3. Play Red light Green light

https://icebreakerideas.com/red-light-green-light-game/.
Remind the kids that Jesus asks us to be lights. We only have the power to live like Jesus when he lives in us, and gives us his light.

4. Flashlight Scavenger Hunt

Hide a treasure in a dark room (making sure the items will be visible when a flashlight is shined on them).Tell the kids they'll find items in a dark room with their flashlights. When the activity is complete, talk about how the good things we do- when we love people the way Jesus wants us to- are like lights that point others to the best thing: Jesus!

5. Dinner Table Chat

Use paper as a tablecloth. I use the Ikea rolls for this. While you eat let the kids draw and write ideas about how they can let their light shine for Jesus.