

WE SHINE FAMILY TIME ACTIVITIES



We have created a series of games and activities for you to journey as a family. They have been designed to partner with some of the songs from the Vineyard 'We Shine' album. At the end of these activities, it is our hope that your children will grasp the heart and Biblical truths behind these songs, and in turn respond with praise as they sing along and worship with them.

We have pitched these sessions predominantly at Primary school aged children, but most of the activities are accessible for all ages. If you have pre-schoolers, they will have fun joining in with the activities and will still grasp lots of the concepts about their Father God.

It would be great if you could have the worship songs ready to play and Bibles available for everyone to use. Help your children with finding the passages and following along. We have also included copies of scripture that you can read through together at the end of each session. Then you can talk about the things God is highlighting to each of you. If your children are younger, when you are reading the Bible passages, explain any more complicated words before you start, or use a different version if you prefer. We are praying that you have some amazing family times together and that this time at home becomes a season of accelerated spiritual growth for you as a family.

Be blessed!



WE SHINE!

2 Corinthians 4: 5-7

Before you read the passage from the Bible together and listen to the worship song, journey through these activities with your children. That way, when you read the passage and listen to the song at the end, your children will understand each phrase more clearly.



ACTIVITY 1

MAP SKILLS!

You are the guide, the road that leads us. Navigates the way back to you...

Set your children challenges to find different places on a local map. Paper maps or google maps would be fine. Perhaps they could find the streets where other family members and friends live? Or favourite places to visit. Why don't you make a treasure map for fun? You could hide some treasure and make a map of your house leading to the treasure for your children to follow. Talk about how we can use maps to help us when we don't know the way.

Explain to your children that there is another way that we can feel lost. We can feel lost inside when we don't know what we should do next. At those times, God just is like a map because He always guides us on the right path.

ACTIVITY 2

SHAKE OFF THE DUST!

You shake off debris and dust...

Hide coins and shiny objects for your children to find in a sand pit or in a flower bed. Help them shake off the sand or soil. They could have cloths to wipe away the dust and polish them up. Talk together about how God is always at work, cleaning us up so that we can shine with his glory. Even though we are like play dough or clay, God's glory shines right out of us.

ACTIVITY 3

TREASURES REVEAL!

Reveal your treasure in us.

Hide a pretend gemstones or items of jewellery inside balls of play dough or clay. Show your children them balls of dough. Talk about how much they think they are worth? Is this play dough valuable? Then help your children to discover the beautiful objects inside by carefully removing the dough. Talk about how we don't always immediately recognise the value in things. That includes in ourselves too! Sometimes we find it hard to imagine that God could use us. But God has put treasure in you. You have something to offer that no one else does. Tell your children what treasure you can see inside each of them. Talk about how there is something special inside each of them and that God has exciting plans for them.

ACTIVITY 4

SHINING LIGHT!

You, the everlasting light, forever burning in us and we shine.

Make a tent or cover your kitchen table with a cloth that comes right down to the floor. Stick little cut out stars on the roof of the tent. Give your children a torch to take with them inside the dark tent. Can they shine the torch and count how many stars? Chat about how we can see things so much more clearly when we shine a light. Jesus is the brightest light of all and when we follow him, we get to shine with his light! Isn't that awesome? Get a big piece of paper and write or draw pictures with your children to show some of the ways that you each can let your light shine before your family and friends.

NOW FOR THE BIBLE...

Help everyone to find the passage in their Bibles and read these verses to finish off. Pray before one of you reads it out loud. Ask God to speak to you all as you read and listen together. Highlight any word or phrase that jumps out so that you can share with each other what God is showing you personally at the end.

2 Corinthians 4:5-7 (NIRV)

⁵ The message we preach is not about ourselves. Our message is about Jesus Christ. We say that he is Lord. And we say that we serve you because of Jesus. ⁶ God said, "Let light shine out of darkness." He made his light shine in our hearts. His light gives us the light to know God's glory. His glory is shown in the face of Christ.

⁷ Treasure is kept in clay jars. In the same way, we have the treasure of the good news in these earthly bodies of ours. That shows that the mighty power of the good news comes from God. It doesn't come from us.

Ask your family what parts of the passage God is highlighting to them? What jumped out at them? What was the Holy Spirit was teaching them as they read?

NOW LET'S PRAY...

Pray for each person in your family. Ask God to pop one thing into our head that we could do in the next couple of days to be more like light. Explain to your children that we are asking Him for something specific that is just for them to do. God might show them how they can be like light at home or maybe in school. Is anyone worried that their thing feels too hard and that they won't be able to do it? Pray that Jesus would make them strong and courageous, so they can shine their light.

NOW LET'S WORSHIP...

Finish by playing the worship song 'We Shine' by Kat Register and David Plumb. Perhaps you could find opportunities to play it during the week, like when you are in your car or while you are eating breakfast each morning. Keep a conversation going about how God's treasure is in them and they can shine.

WE SHINE

Kat Register & David Plumb

Standing in the calm or the chaos
Forever holding out your light
You are the guide, the road that leads us
Navigates the way back to
You light the way back to you

You shake off debris and dust
Reveal your treasure in us
You, the everlasting light
Forever burning in us
And we shine and we shine and we shine
And we shine and we shine and we shine

Too long living in the shadows
When inside we are wild and free
(We're called to be your hands and feet)
You are the love, the light we follow
Navigates us home back to you
Navigates us home back to you

You shake off debris and dust
Reveal your treasure in us
You, the everlasting light
Forever burning in us
And we shine and we shine and we shine
And we shine and we shine and we shine

Stand with me, shine a light
Hands in the air we're burning bright

