



Our Gospel Light

[Jesus said] “*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*” (Matthew 5:14-16).

Cast: Narrator, and three speakers

Props: small table, candle, candle holder, lighter, container/basket to cover candle

Narrator: Where is your Gospel light?

Speaker 1: I was supposed to bring my Gospel light? I don’t know where it is.

Speaker 2: My Gospel light? I only use it on Sundays.

Speaker 3: I only use mine with certain people - like this group.

Dim the room lights.

Speaker 1: Oh no! What happened to the lights?

Speaker 2: Here I have a candle. (*Pulls out unlit candle and sets it in the holder on the table.*)

Narrator: Are you glad to have this candle? Is it helping you to see?

Women look at each other.

Speaker 3: It’s nice to have, but it’s not doing anything to help us.

Narrator: So what happens when we do not let **our** Gospel light shine and just keep it to ourselves?

Speaker 3: Oh, I get it. We aren’t doing anything to help anyone else either.

Speaker 1: We are not letting people see the Gospel through us.

(Narrator lights the candle and puts it under the container making sure it gets air but doesn’t go out.)

Speaker 2: Hey it's dark! What happened to the light?

Narrator: The candle is still lit, and it's still shining.

Speaker 3: But we can't see it!

Narrator: When we hide **our** light, others remain in darkness. What do kids do when they see a lit candle?

Speaker 3: My kids always try to blow it out, like a birthday candle. Sometimes they blow so hard it gets wax all over everything.

Narrator: Who is trying to blow out **our** light?

Speaker 1: Satan! He definitely doesn't want our light to shine.

Narrator: How does he try to do blow it out?

Speaker 2: It can be different with everyone. With Job, he gave him all sorts of problems.

Speaker 3: And Job's "friends" encouraged him to curse God.

Speaker 1: Sometimes he puts things in our lives to make us too busy, just like the people who didn't come to the Master's Wedding Feast in Luke 14:15-24.

Speaker 2: And the Bible says in 1 Peter 5:8b, *Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* Why, he even tried to tempt Jesus.

Narrator: (*Uncovers candle.*) Now we can see the candle is shining, but for what purpose?

Speaker 3: Well for light of course! So we can see where we are going.

Narrator: When **our** light shines what is the purpose?

Speaker 1: It points the way to Jesus for others to hear and learn the Gospel message of salvation through His death and resurrection. *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"* (John 8:12).

Narrator: What happens when someone points a flashlight somewhere?

Speaker 2: Everyone wants to look to the place where it is shining.

All: Now our lights will be shining because not only do we believe Jesus is our Savior, but we are willing to share the message with others. We want people who don't know Jesus to follow our lights to hear His message of love and forgiveness with God's grace and the help of the Holy Spirit.

Sing:

1. This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

3. Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

2. All around the neighborhood
I'm going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I'm going to let it shine
All around the neighborhood
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

4. Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Scripture references are from the ESV.