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MATTHEW 5:14-16

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

1. Find a time that works for your family. Maybe during a meal, first thing in the morning, or right before bed. If possible, try to make it the same time each day.

2. Follow the topic for each day. Throughout the month you and your family will walk through what it means to shine for Jesus as seen in Matthew 5:14-16. Try making this a memory verse for the month of October.

3. After the first day, begin each devotional by talking about what you learned the day before. Ask your child what they remember or what stood out to them.

4. This devotional was made with all ages in mind, but if needed, simplify or expand questions, and explain verses as needed to fit your child's age and learning level.

5. This devotional is meant to be a starting point for conversations with your kids. Feel free to expand on the questions and talking points, share your own thoughts and experiences.

6. End each devotional with a prayer. Encourage your child to pray out loud, asking the Holy Spirit to teach and guide them as they learn to shine for Jesus each day.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 READ: MATTHEW 5:14-16 How can your good choices help others see Jesus?	**2** PRAY: Thank Jesus for being your light everyday.	**3** TALK: Talk about some acts of kindness your family did this week. How did these point to Jesus?
4 READ: COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 Which quality do you want to grow this week?	**5** PRAY: Thank Jesus for being an example we can follow.	**6** READ: EPHESIANS 4:32 What are some kind things you can do today?	**7** PRAY: Ask God to help you to notice someone who might be lonely. TRY: Including that person.	**8** PRAY: Holy Spirit, help me to be kind to everyone. Even people who aren't kind to me.	**9** TALK: Why do small acts of kindness make a big difference?	**10** READ: PROVERBS 15:1-4 Why are gentle and kind words powerful? What do unkind words do to people?
11 PRAY: Jesus help me to love others the way you love me.	**12** TRY: Do something helpful without being asked.	**13** READ: EPHESIANS 4:29 How can your words build others up?	**14** TALK: What words encourage you?	**15** PRAY: Jesus, help my words bring life and encouragement to people around me.	**16** TRY: Encourage three different people today.	**17** READ: 1 TIMOTHY 4:12 How can kids be an example for Jesus?
18 TALK: The same Holy Spirit that lives in adults, lives in kids! He walks with you and helps you shine for Jesus!	**19** PRAY: Holy Spirit, help me to listen to you as you teach me to be a light.	**20** READ: PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16 How does God's word help you to make good choices?	**21** TALK: Where can you shine for Jesus besides school?	**22** PRAY: Thank God that he put you and your family in your communities to be lights for him!	**23** TRY: Invite a friend to church or share what you have learned about Jesus.	**24** READ: PSALM 119:105 How can God's word help you to make good choices?
25 PRAY: Thank you God for giving us your word so that we can learn how to shine for you.	**26** READ: MATTHEW 5:16 What happens when we let our light shine?	**27** TALK: What is one way God has helped you shine this month?	**28** PRAY: Thank you God for giving me opportunities to shine for you this month.	**29** READ: MATTHEW 28:18-20 Jesus asks us to share the good news to everyone! Is sharing good news being a light?	**30** TRY: Invite a friend to church or share what you have learned about Jesus.	**31** CELEBRATE! Thank God for helping you shine his light this month. PRAY: Tha he would keep shining through you.

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