Bonus Activities

All Ages

Shadow Tracing: Gather a light source (flashlight, spotlight, etc.) and put various items in front of it (animal figurines, a child, a chair, be creative!). Put a piece of butcher paper on the wall where the light source shines and encourage children to trace the shadows. Then, move the figurines and people, turn off the light, and see if children can remember which shadow belongs to which item.

Older Children

Solar Panel Relay: Gather two pieces of poster board and enough pieces of black construction paper for each child to have one. Gather two tape dispensers (with tape). Tape the poster board to a wall, with one piece for each team. Place the tape dispensers next to the poster board. Then, divide the construction paper evenly, so that each team has the same amount. Put these on the other side of the room. Divide children into two teams. First team to get all their construction paper taped to the poster board (creating a "solar panel") wins!

Preschoolers

Glow Ring Toss: Gather glow bracelets or necklaces and 16 oz. plastic cups. Turn the cups upside down and create a triangle with them. Encourage children to toss the glow bracelet/necklace and try to get it around a cup. Play around with how far away from the cups the children stand.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

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Session Outline

Prepare

- Make copies of the Student Handout.
- Review the Story and Bible Verse.

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask**: "How do you share God's love with others?"

Engage

- Distribute the Student Handout.
- Read and discuss the Bible Verse.
- Work on the Handout Activity.
- Transition to Story Time.

Share

- Tell the Story, "A Surprising Change."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

A Surprising Change

"Ugh," said Brooke. "I just stepped on a nail. Your father is sick and now I need a tetanus shot. Kids, we're going to have to go back." Brooke and Mike packed up the kids and headed back to the city, frustrated that they wouldn't be able to help the next church and knowing that they would never know how things went. A few months later, they were working with the students from the local Christian university who were assembling solar panels for a church when they heard their names being called. It was Antonius! They hadn't seen him since that day when Brooke stepped on a nail. "Antonius, it's so good to see you," Mike called. "You as well," said Antonius. "I'm so glad you are here today. I wanted to tell you what happened at the church you guys had to leave. There was a boy there who the pastor had adopted. He was being bullied at school and had decided to stop going altogether. But he saw the light we provided, and the joy the people in his village felt, and he wanted to be a part of that too. I heard from him last week. He's working hard to improve his grades and he's decided to become a pastor," Antonius said excitedly. "That's amazing, Antonius," said Brooke. "Thank you so much for telling us!" As Antonius walked away, Brooke thanked God for the ways God worked, even when things didn't go according to plan.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What happened to Brooke and Mike?
- **Ask**: How was God still at work, even when Brooke and Mike couldn't be there?
- **Ask**: How do you think God can use you even when things don't work out how you thought?
- **Say**: God is always at work. And God can use anything that happens to us. Brooke and Mike were disappointed that they could not be there to tell the people about God. But others were there, and they shared God's love. God was still working. Sometimes things in our lives don't work out the way we hope or think they will. But God is still at work. And God can always use us to share God's great love.
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help Mike and Brooke continue to find new ways to share your great love. Help us to look for ways to share your love with others as well. Amen.

Brooke and Mike

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Create a Nightlight Craft

Items needed: empty baby food jars or other small jars; glue; plates; paintbrushes; tissue paper; small lights to put inside (tea lights, other LED lights); spray paint/tempura paint (optional)

1. Decide if you wish to paint the jar lids. If so, spray paint them if working with younger children, or set out tempura paint for older children to paint their lids. Squeeze glue onto plates for easy access.
2. Ask children to choose their tissue paper colors. Encourage them to tear or cut them into various sizes.
3. Give each child a clean, empty jar and a paintbrush.
4. Paint the outside of the jar with glue, avoiding the neck of the jar so that you can put the lid on.
5. Begin sticking your tissue paper where you want it. Layer pieces of tissue paper to create different color combinations.
6. Once your jar is fully covered with tissue paper, paint another layer of glue on top.
7. Once the glue is dry, add in your light, turn it on, and put the lid onto your jar.
8. Enjoy your nightlight!

For pictures, go here:
www.nothingbutcountry.com/2012/06/night-light-stain-glass-kids-project.