“This Little Light of Mine”

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This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
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Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

Additional verses
2. Hide it under a bushel, no! I’m gonna let it shine.
3. Shine all over Ohio, I’m gonna let it shine.
4. Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
5. All through the night, I’m gonna let it shine.
6. Won’t let Satan blow it out, I’m gonna let it shine.
7. Let it shine till Jesus comes, I’m gonna let it shine.
8. Whatever you also remember and is not listed here

Many of us are very familiar with this song. We learned it either in Bible or Sunday school. We were taught the light was the light within us that represented Jesus’ love for God’s children. This song makes an excellent tool to teach and remind children that no matter how old you are you can be a witness of God’s love to those around you. Just singing it makes people smile, including you, no matter what the age.

Talk to the children about how even a small candle brings light. The children already know that they can bring smiles to others by bringing good news or telling a happy story. Remind them that telling the stories of Jesus is bringing good news. They should let the stories shine, shine all over everywhere, not hide the stories under a basket, nor let Satan put a lid on it, and just keep on shining all through the night.

Children remember better and enjoy singing more if you also put it into action. The children can use their index finger as the candle or you may want to provide little battery-operated votive candles. With the first verse, let them hold their candle up or out with one hand. Verse 2, cover the candle with the other hand and fling the second hand off at the word no. Verses 3-4, wave the candle around or in a circle. Verse 5, hold the candle strong and steady with both hands. Verse 6, keep the candle in both hands, and quickly blow on it, holding it higher when it doesn’t go out. Verse 7, hold the candle high in the sky. Feel free to change the motions or add additional verses. Use only as many verses as time allows, pick them accordingly.