Sola Publishing Children's Message 5th Sunday after Epiphany – Year A	SOLA

I Am the Light of the World?

Readings	1) Isaiah 58:3-11 2) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 or 13-16 3) Matthew 5:13-20
Scripture Focus	Matthew 5:14-15
Take Away	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Birthday Candle and lighter & a bag of darkness. Song: This Little Light of Mine – found on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkbIZtqhyQ

Message

You know what I have here? It's a bag of darkness. Let me see if it's still in there. I have to be careful because I don't want to let the dark out. [Peek in so that you can't let the dark out.] There's a lot of light in this room, right? What if I let this darkness out of the bag? Would it make the whole room dark? Nope. What if I put a little light in this bag? Would it still be dark in there? No!

No matter how dark it is, even a little light makes it not dark. No matter how much light there is, a little bit of dark doesn't change it. The light wins against the dark every time!

That's why Jesus is the light of the world. You know what Jesus says about you? He says you are the light of the world, too. He wants you to take the light he puts in you and shine it everywhere you see dark. Don't hide it under a bowl where nobody can see it. Let it shine out!

If they don't know it, show them where their finger light is and, if there's time, sing the chorus of "This Little Light of Mine."

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

Let's pray.

Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You are the light / of the whole world! Your light takes away / all darkness. You give us / your light. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen

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