



# SERIES OVERVIEW

## Bright Lights, Big City

In Matthew 5:14, Jesus says: “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.” This series encourages middle schoolers to understand what it means for them to be the light of the world. God created middle school students to shine -- in every single aspect of life -- by the way they live the light and hope of Jesus into a world that seems chaotic and in desperate need of light.

### RELATIONSHIPS

Others

### RESPONSES

Serving Others

### CORE THEOLOGICAL INSIGHTS

Compassion

## WEEK ONE

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:14-16 NLT  
Philippians 2:15 NLT  
1 John 1:5 NLT

### BOTTOM LINE

God made  
you to shine.

## WEEK TWO

### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:13-17 NIV  
Genesis 1:2-5a NLT  
Luke 11:36 NLT

### BOTTOM LINE

God’s light in you  
brings order to chaos.

## WEEK THREE

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:22-23 NLT  
Matthew 5:16 NLT

### BOTTOM LINE

God’s light in you  
brings light to others.

## MEMORY VERSE

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see,  
so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

MATTHEW 5:16 NLT