

Shine Like Stars
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Processional: O Come, O Come, Immanuel LW 31 LSB 357

Reader: For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life . . . Phil. 2:13-16

Stars bring to mind many things but most of all Christmas and our Savior's birth. Just as the wise men followed the star to see the king; so we will listen to these stars tell of God's love for us.

Teacher Leader: Give me a "S"

Children: "S"

TL: Give me a "T"

C: "T"

TL: Give me a "A"

C: "A"

TL: Give me a "R"

C: "R"

TL: What's that spell?

C: Star!

TL: Who's the star?

C: Jesus!

TL: Who shines so bright?

C: Jesus!

TL: Who shines in you?

C: Jesus!

Children sing: *This Little Gospel Light of Mine* LOSP 103 SOGL 81

This little *Gospel* star of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little *Gospel* star of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, all the time

Reader: And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights-the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth to govern the day and the night, separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. *Genesis 1: 14-18*

The stars have been with us from the beginning. Jesus, our Star has always been. He is God and made the sun, moon and stars during the creation of the World God gave us. At Christmas we mark the beginning of His life on earth. A Bright Morning Star sent to save us from our sins.

Group 1: Put your bright star in
Take your bright star out
Turn your star around and give a little shout
Yea Jesus! (repeat)

Song: Oh, Who Can Make a Flower? SOGL 45 LOSP 74 TLCS 75 or
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus LW 22 LSB 338

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Reader: "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." Revelations 22:16

Jesus was the Messiah, the bright Morning Star that the people of God had been waiting for. Mary was chosen to be the mother and Bethlehem chosen to be the place of His birth. Jesus was the Star and a star shone in the sky over his cradle.

Group 2: **We are looking, looking, looking for the baby Jesus**
 We are looking high
 We are looking low
 We are looking everywhere, you know

We are shining, shining, shining for the baby Jesus
We are shining high
We are shining low
We are shining everywhere we go
Jesus shines in us!

Song: Jesus, Our Good Friend TLCS 29 LOSP 77 or
 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns LW26 LSB 348

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Reader: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians. 4:6

The star led the Wisemen to the king. The king leads us to our heavenly Father. Jesus came to earth to shine a light in the dark places, to reveal God's love for us. The bright Morning

Star changes our world and our lives. His life, death and resurrection brought us back into the light of God.

Group 3: **The stars shine way up high
The stars shine in the sky
The stars shine up and down
Jesus is God's love come down**

**The stars shine way up high
The stars shine in the sky
The stars twinkle and seem to play
Jesus' love shows us the way**

**The stars shine way up high
The stars shine in the sky
The stars shine 'round and 'round
We share God's love 'round and 'round**

Song: Jesus, Our Star LLV 17 or
Angels We Have Heard on High LW 55 LSB 368

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Reader: Jesus is our Morning Star and His light and love transform us.
 We cannot keep this love to ourselves. We must shine like
 Jesus' stars.

Recessional: Joy to the World LW 53 LSB 387

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Program Notes:

Songs:

Each song during the service has two options: a hymn for the congregation or an early childhood appropriate song for the children. The songs can be found in the following books:

LW: Lutheran Worship, Concordia Publishing House

LSB: Lutheran Service Book, Concordia Publishing House

SOGL: Songs of God's Love, Concordia Publishing House

LOSP: Little Ones Sing Praise, Concordia Publishing House

TLCS: The Little Christian's Songbook, Concordia Publishing House

LLV: Lift Little Voices, Concordia Publishing House

Props:

Stars on sticks for each child could be used to enhance the rhymes and the singing.

Group 1,2,3,4: These are activity rhymes for individual groups of children