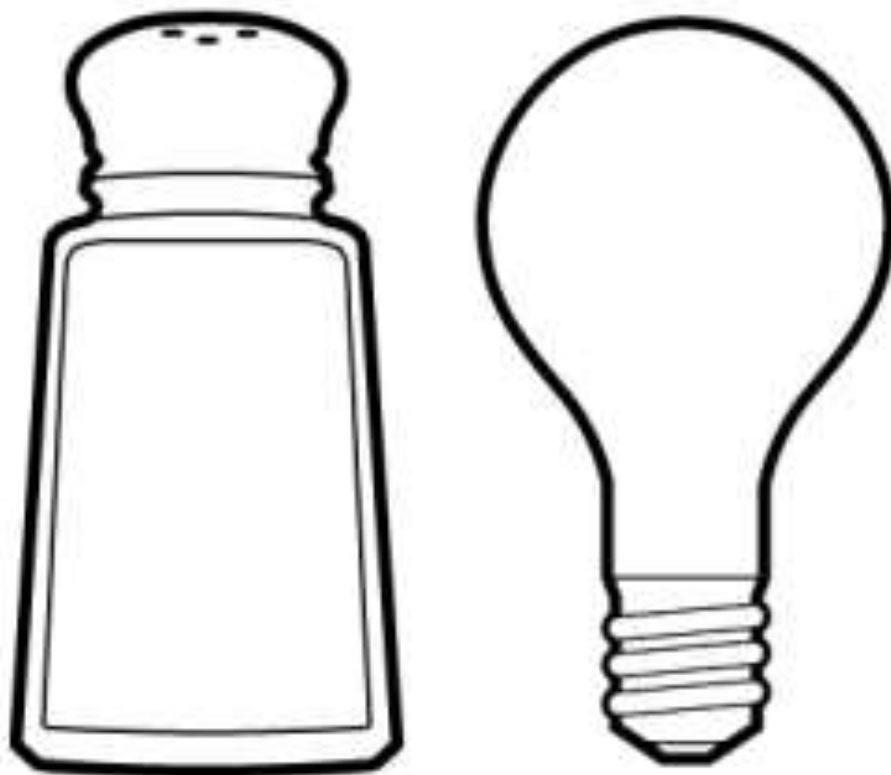


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
FEBRUARY 5, 2017—THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
BE SALTY! BE LUMINOUS!



Be these.

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Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot." "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16

Stories that we hear during Christmas and Epiphany show us that Jesus is the light of the world. In today's Gospel, **Jesus calls us the light!** Jesus gives us his light—his love, his forgiveness, and his grace—and he wants us to go out into the world and shine! How do you let your light shine out?

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

WHAT CAN YOU DO? WHAT CAN YOUR KIDS DO? If Leonardo diVinci had never picked up a paint brush we wouldn't even know about the Mona Lisa, or his iconic mural The Last Supper. Imagine if J.S. Bach, Mozart, Bernstein or Brubeck had never composed or played a note. Or what if Madame Curie hadn't thought about curing disease? Or if Abraham Lincoln had stayed out of politics? It would be hard to imagine a world without the contributions of these people. Jesus wants us to let the light that he gives us to shine out to other people. One way that we can do that is by sharing the gifts and talents that we have. Talk to your children about *their* special talents and abilities. Talk about what *you* love to do. Why did you spend years learning to master something? How have your contributions made the world a better place? God wants us to shine out for (at least) two reasons—to make the world a better, and to let God's glory shine out in us and what we do.

MATCH THESE UP!

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| 1. Not dark | A. Dull |
| 2. A seasoning that adds flavor to food | B. God |
| 3. A land mass that is much higher than a valley | C. Accomplishment |
| 4. An interesting thing to go and see | D. Light |
| 5. Lacking excitement | E. Bushel Basket |
| 6. An area in which many people live and work | F. Mountain |
| 7. A place to put a light | G. Salt |
| 8. A large container | H. City |
| 9. Something you work hard to achieve | I. Lampstand |
| 10. Who gets all our praise? | J. Landmark |

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATIONS:

Who is your favorite musician, poet, inventor or athlete? What would the world be like without that person?

What can you do that is ordinary? What can you do that is special? How are BOTH of these important to other people?

Describe a big landmark that you can see from far away. Would you want to hide it? Why or why not?

Why does Jesus want us to shine out brightly?

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