

# What Would Jesus Do?

## "Shine for Jesus"

*"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds  
and praise your Father in heaven". Matthew 5:16*

Last time we read the troublesome boys started a fire on Riddle Hill. Bill finally stepped up and told Mr. Manning and Jack what was happening. Bill was very sorry for not sharing what he knew sooner and asked for forgiveness.

Mr. Manning shared the story of Jesus forgiving Peter for denying him 3 times and that Jesus went on to trust him with important tasks to share the love of God with others.

We remember that God can always turn our stories around. Even if we think that we have fallen too far to recover, or we sin and don't think we can ever be forgiven, God wants to use us.

### Who remembers the Fruits of the Spirit?

**Love** - Putting others first, just as Jesus does

**Joy** - deep happiness that comes from knowing God, even when sad.

**Peace** - Trusting God to be calm inside, even when things are crazy.

**Patience** - Waiting calmly and kindly without complaining

**Kindness** - Being friendly, generous, and considerate to others.

**Goodness** - Choosing to do the right thing and living in a way that pleases God.

**Faithfulness** - Being dependable, loyal, and trustworthy, like God.

**Gentleness** - Being calm and caring, not harsh.

**Self-control** - Choosing to say "no" to wrong desires and "yes" to good ones.

Today we are going to finish our storybook on "What Would Jesus Do" and learn how God want to use us to share our joy with others so they too can learn about the Love of God.

## **Let's read our story from What Would Jesus Do!**

### **Read Chapter 19 – "Up From the Ashes"**

#### **Discussion:**

- Who is going to help build new houses for the Riddle Hill people? (*Beany Joe & Bill and.... The people from the Valley Church*)
- What are the Valley Church people learning about how to follow Jesus?  
(*to share what they have with those that need help*).
- What are YOU learning about how to follow Jesus day by day?
- **Read Chapter 20 – "The Dream"**
  - What do you think Bill & Joe told Dan & Bruno when they visited them? (*That no matter what bad things they did in the past, Jesus will forgive them and still love them!*)
  - Why is Claire happy now? (*she had new friends to play with*).
  - What was Jack's special dream? (*to travel the world and share Jesus with everyone he met*).
  - Do you want his dream to come true? (*let the kids share their thoughts*)
  - What could you do to help a dream like this come true?
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  - Read Matthew 5:14-16 – *"You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put the light on a lampstand. Then the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven"*.

## Watch:

### Be a Light to the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqEBwOV248c>

God calls us to be the light of the world.

Do you know what that means? It means that God wants us to tell others about Him, and to demonstrate His love to people.

In the gospel passage for today, Jesus tells us to let our light shine so that others can now we have something special.

The good news of Jesus is so amazing that we don't want to keep it to ourselves.

We want to share it with other people. We want to let His light shine for all to see. We want to light up the whole world with God's love!

Jesus said to the people - "you are the light of the world."

But Jesus also said that **HE** was the light of the world.

- Our "light" does not come from our own power.
- Just like a light need power to turn on or a flashlight needs batteries, our light can only shine if we are connected to the light of Jesus.
- We have to be "plugged in" to Him constantly.
- We have to stay charged by our power source.
- How do we do that? We can be faithful to read God's word, the Bible. We can pray, and pray continually. We don't just pray or read the Bible once in a while or when we are at church; we can do this all the time!
- God always wants to hear from us, and we can ask Him for help in letting the light of Christ shine for all to see.

Watch and Sing "This Little Light of Mine" from worship video list.

### **This Light of Mine – Let it Shine**

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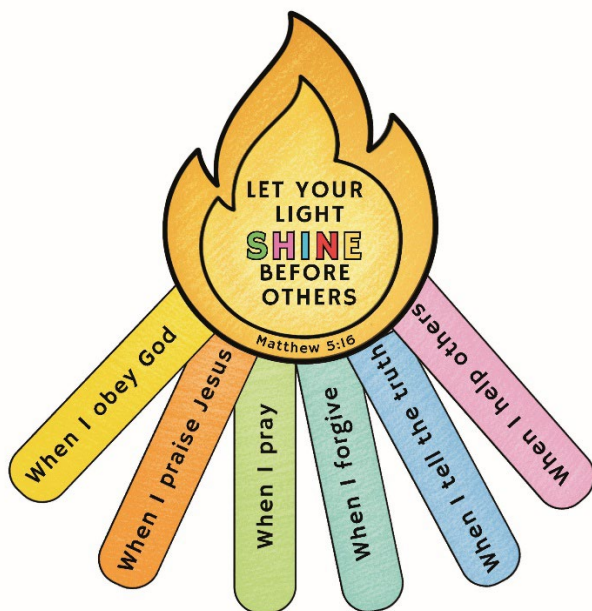
## Memory Verse:

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## Prayer:

Dear God, Thank you for the love of Jesus. Help us to understand His words and to follow them closely. Help us shine YOUR light in our world. Help us to know and serve You and each other. We love you, God! In Jesus's name, Amen!

## Craft: Let Your Light Shine



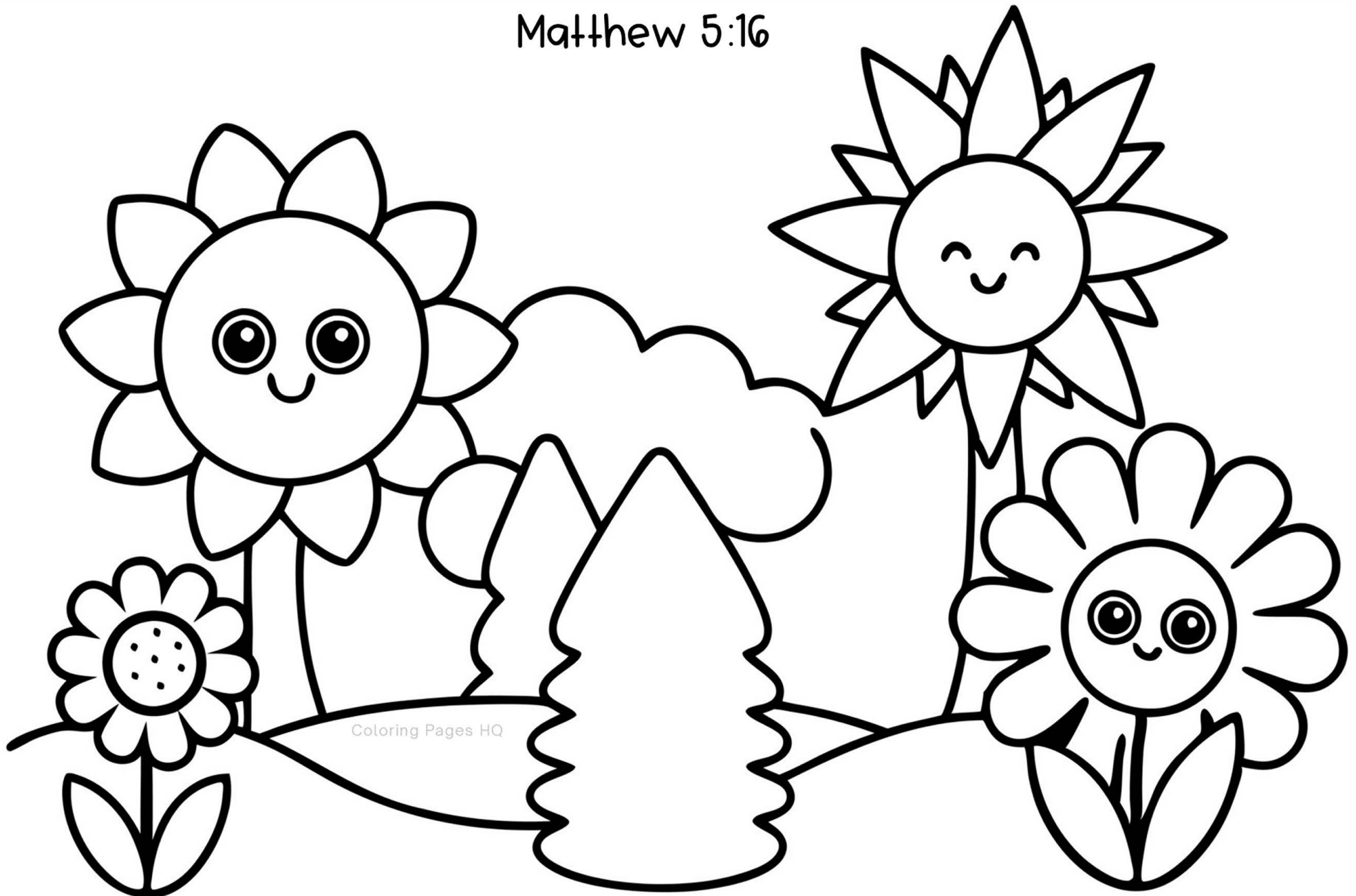
Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again  
~ Teacher Chrissy

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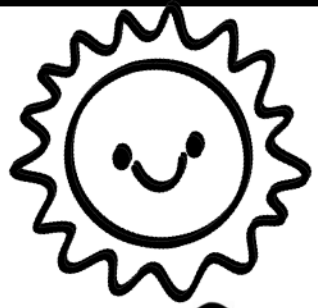
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**"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE ..."**

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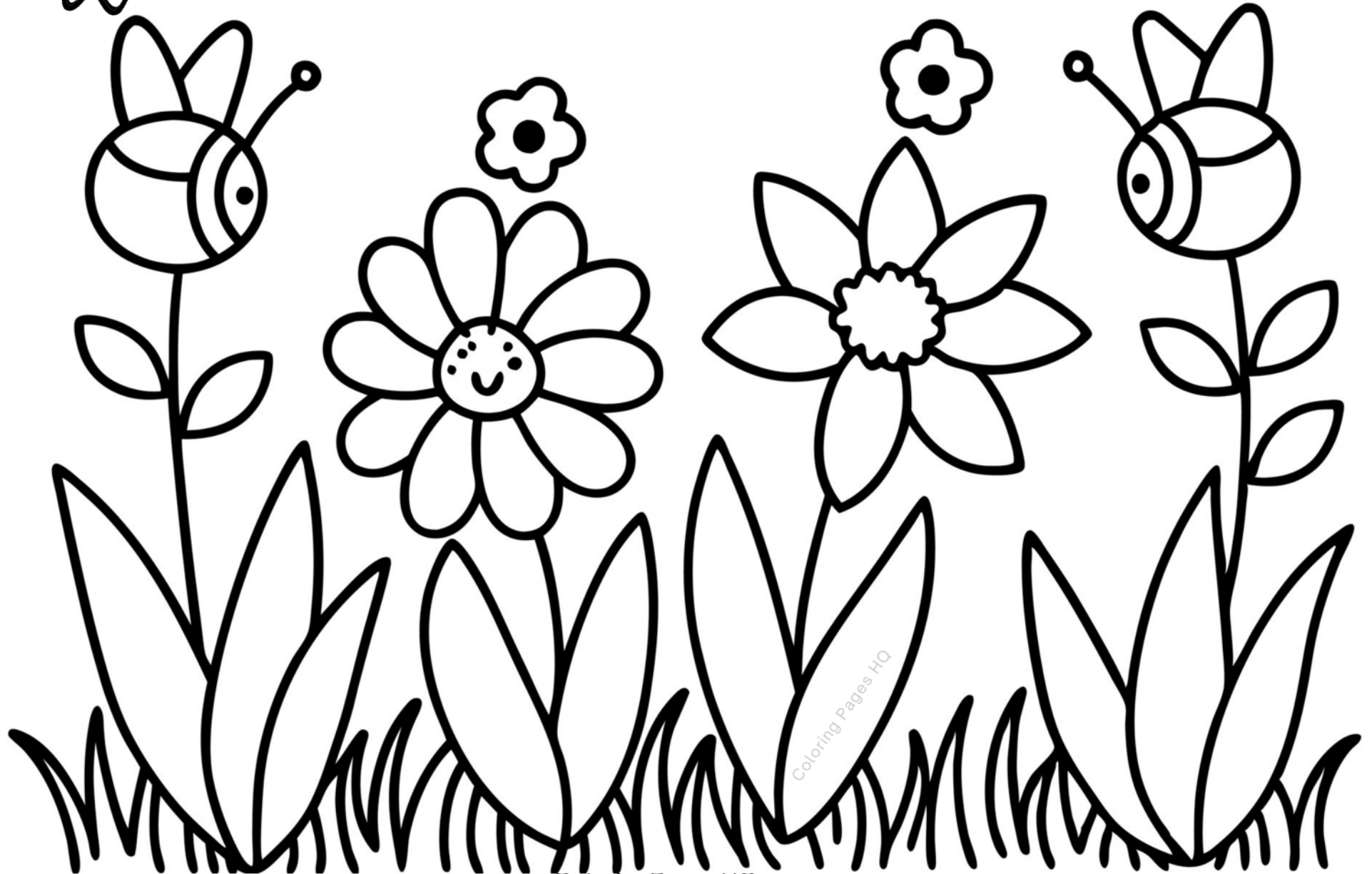


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