

Let Your Light Shine

Read Matthew 5:14-16 together.

Discuss the following questions:

1. Who is the light of the world?
2. Why wouldn't you put a light under a basket?
3. How can you let your light shine so that others can see God's good works?

Gather materials you will need for the activities on the following pages:

Shine Like Stars Activity

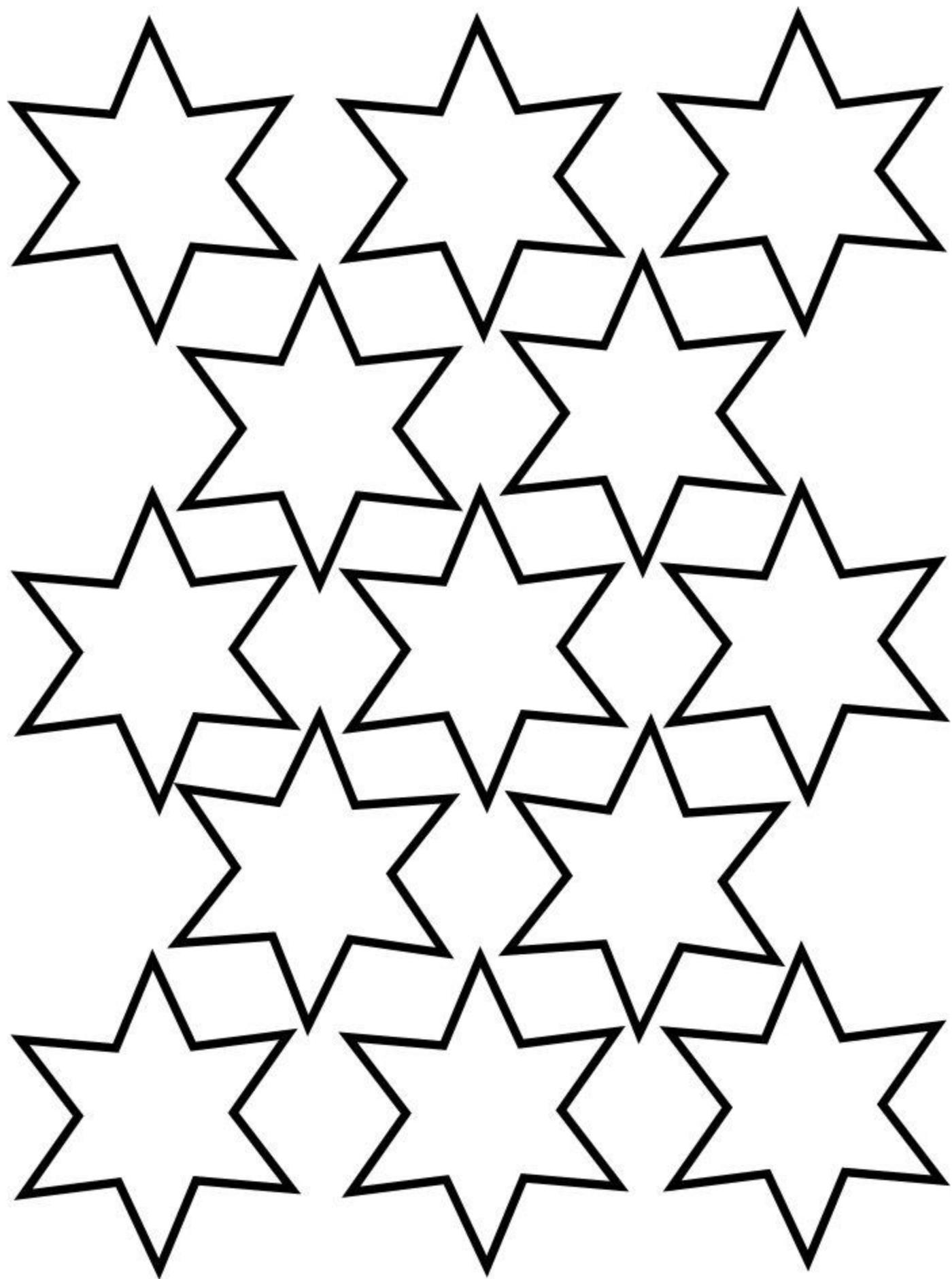
- Star Stencils (*see star template page*)
- Card Stock
- Pencils
- Paper
- Yellow crayons or highlighters

Coloring pages

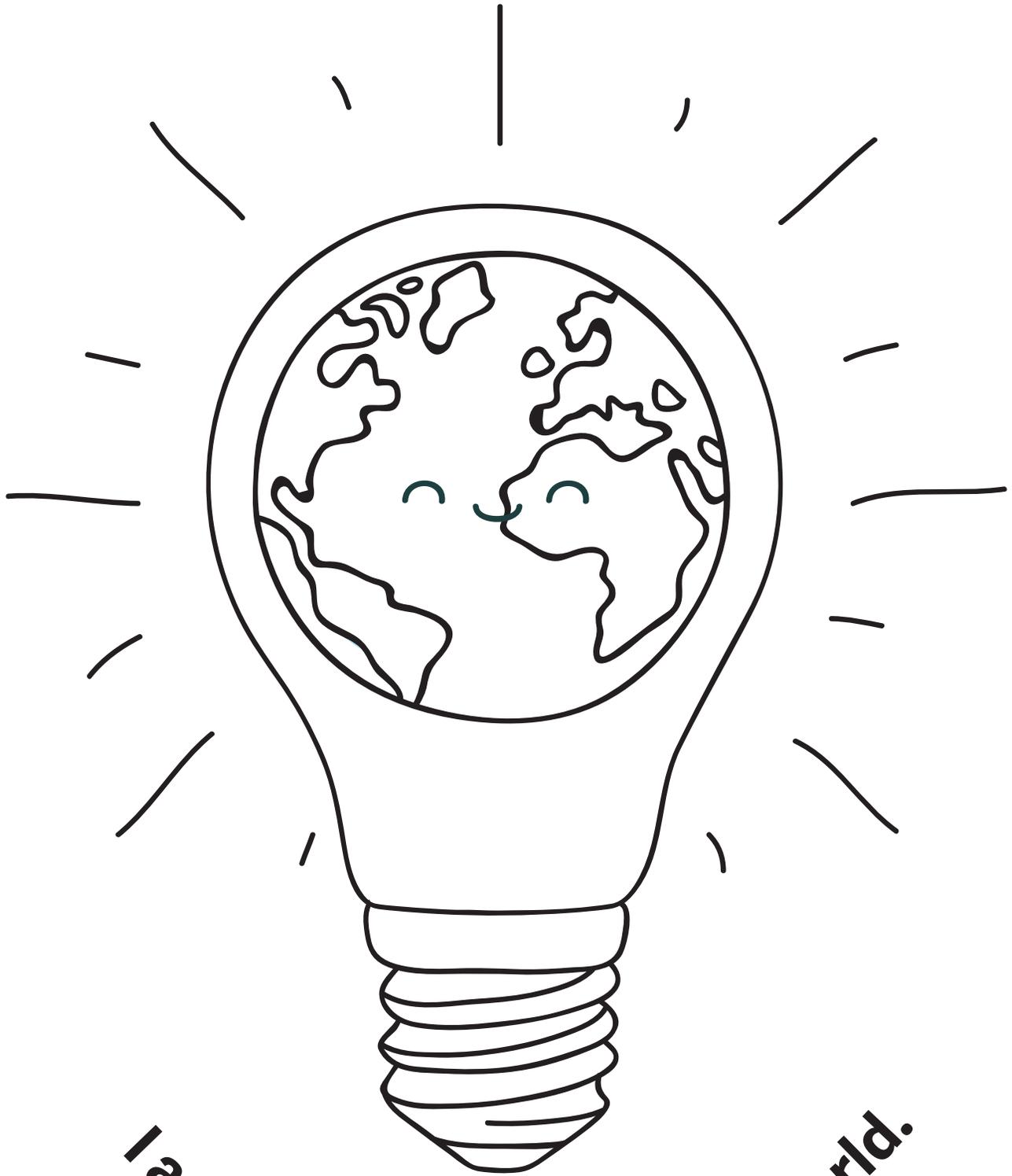
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons

Shine Like Stars Activity

1. Print and cut out the stars from the "stars template page" on cardstock for your child to trace. *(Only one star per child is needed).*
2. Give your child the star template that you have made and a piece of paper.
3. Tell your child that he/she will need to trace as many stars as they can in one minute. They should try to cover every inch of the paper, and stars can overlap as needed. They can also turn the paper over to trace more on the back if they have time left.
4. Use a timer or watch to time one minute as your child works on their stars.
5. When the time is up, have your child count how many stars they traced. *(Say something encouraging: "Wow! That's a lot of stars!")*
6. Let your child pick one star to color or highlight in yellow. Then have them write their name inside the star.
7. Talk with your child:
 - *The star you chose didn't stand out until it was colored/highlighted. It's not easy to stand out when there are so many people in this world. As Christians, God calls us to stand out among the crowd. He wants us to shine like a star in the sky for others to notice His glory in you. There are millions of stars in the sky, but some shine brighter than others.*
 - *Ask: How do you think you can shine bright for God in this world?*
8. Read Philippians 2:14-16 together.



Jesus said:



I am the *light* of the world.