**Verse**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**11. Matthew 5:16**

**KJV** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**CSB** **“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.”**

**ESV “**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Do you remember this song? This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Have you ever wondered what your “little light” was? When I was a little boy, I thought it was my finger because we always held up our pointer finger. Then I thought it was a birthday candle. But now I know that the “little light” really is a strong beacon. It is how Gods love is shown to others. It is how others can know that I am a Christian.

It is kind of like the moon. Did you know that there is no light coming from the moon? The moon reflects the brightness of the sun. In this verse it is like God’s light, His love, His compassion for others is reflected by us. We are supposed to show others what being a Christian is all about.

How do people know that you are a Christian? Is there anything you do that makes people wonder if you really are a follower of Christ?

The last part of this verse says that our light should shine so that people will glorify God. When we are disrespectful or mean to our family, teacher, friends or other people, they do not see Christ in us. Sometimes our actions do not cause others to praise God.

Once, when I was camping, I got lost in the woods. It was so dark that I could not find my way back to the campsite. So I called out to my friends, “Turn on the flashlight so I can see the campsite.” Someone turned on a light and I could follow the light back to the camp. I did glorify God when I got there. What would have happened if no one turned on a flashlight?

God tells us that we are to be a light to a lost world. Some of our friends do not know Jesus. The Bible says they are walking around in spiritual darkness. Darkness represents sin, so the Bible is saying that our friends are walking around in sin. We are like a light in the darkness showing them the way to Jesus. We are showing them God by the way we talk and act.

Our light, or our actions, should be so bright, be so good, that people notice we are different and want to know the God that we serve. Can you think of any of your friends who do not know Jesus? Do you have any friends who do not go to church? Be the light that points them to God.