



Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way

February 9, 2020

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalms 112:1-9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [3-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

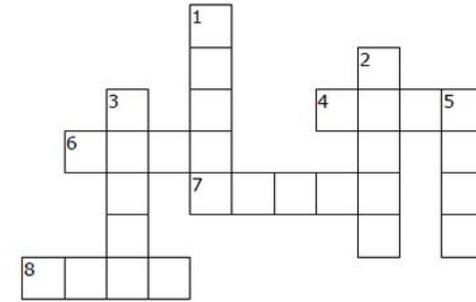
Objects: pictures of a flashlight, candles, stars, sun, moon, mirror

Good morning friends! Can you identify these objects? (show each picture) We have a flashlight, some candles, the stars, the sun, the moon and this mirror. What in the world do all of these things have in common? (allow for answers) Yes! Those are all great answers. They reflect off of something and bring us light so that we can see...even this mirror. If I direct it at the sun, the light bounces off of it, right?

In our gospel lesson from Matthew, we hear some very familiar words "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Do you have any idea where you may have heard those words before? Here's a hint...you may have been a tiny baby. When have you seen and heard words spoken over a baby at church? Yes! At baptisms! When you were baptized, you were given a candle and your Pastor spoke these words to you....let your light shine. In the waters of baptism, you were given the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit and every time we come to church, gather in community, hear the words of Jesus and take communion, our faith grows. This allows the light of Christ to shine within us so that others can see Jesus' love. Take a look at this mirror again and hold it up to your face...do you see how bright your light is? That's the love of Jesus shining in you!

Loving God, bright is the light that shines in my heart, all because of your son Jesus. Help me to show others that love so that they can know Jesus too. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
- 6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
- 7. The performance of good acts
- 8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

- 1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
- 2. A place where families live
- 3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
- 5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

DEEDS	HILL	LIGHT	WORLD
BOWL	CITY	LAMP	HOUSE

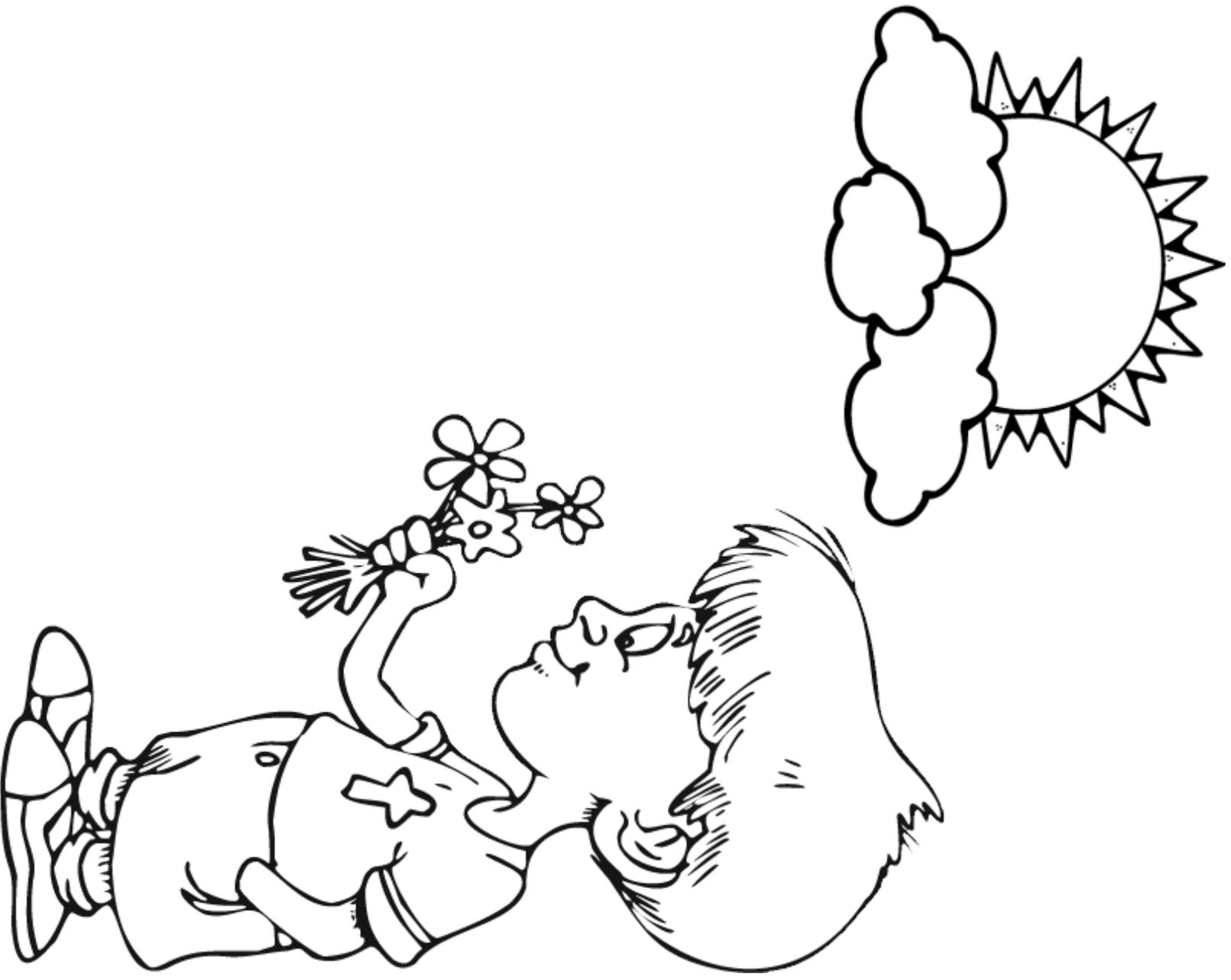
Activity: Write a letter or draw a picture thanking those who have been a bright light for you.

Discussion Question Without using words, how can you tell/show others about Jesus' love?

Family Table Prayer for February:

God of Love and of my heart
 You fill us with your light.
 Help us to share your love with the world
 morning, noon, and night. Amen.

February Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind.



Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your
good works, and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16