

Beaded Cross Craft



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

As Christian parents, we want our children to proudly live out their faith. We want the light of the Lord to shine through them to point others to the goodness and glory of God. One way they can outwardly showing their faith is with a cross!

Use this resource to talk your child through what it means to “*let your light shine*” and make this beaded cross craft that they can proudly wear as a necklace or attach it to their backpack! It would also make a great gift!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- A Bible, highlighter, and a pen or pencil
- Pipe cleaner (cut in half and twisted into a cross)
- 10” piece of yarn
- Wood beads (6 or 8mm): 4 of one color, 16 of another color



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

— MATTHEW 5:16



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GUIDED CONVERSATION:

1. Have your children locate, read, and highlight Matthew 5:16, then have them draw a heart around the word “light.”
2. Ask, *“What do you think the ‘light’ is referring to?”*
 - Explain that when someone loves Jesus and has a relationship with Him, they have a “glow” that shines from them. It changes the way they think, talk, and act. It also represents the light of thankfulness that Jesus saved us and that we have hope in God to face whatever the day may bring.
3. Ask, *“What ways can you let your light shine?”*
 - Showing love to others, talking about Jesus to our friends, etc.
4. Say, *“We’re going to make a beaded cross craft to help you shine YOUR light. You can wear it as a necklace or we can attach it to your backpack!”*

CRAFT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Slide 1 accent color and 3 regular color beads on opposite sides of the cross.
2. Bend the ends of the pipe cleaner containing the beads around the last bead.
3. Slide 1 accent color and 7 regular color beads on the bottom of the cross.
4. Bend the ends of the pipe cleaner containing the beads around the last bead.
5. Slide 1 accent color and 3 regular color beads on the top of the cross.
6. Tie the yarn in a loop and place inside the top pipe cleaner before bending the pipe cleaner.

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