**“I am God’s Light in the World” Candle Activity**

**Materials:** Bible, “This Little Light of Mine” Song Lyrics, Candle and Glass Votive Holder, Paint Pens/glitter glue etc. to decorate the votive holder (not included), Stickers (optional-to decorate their votive holder, included), Candle prayer card

**Goal:** To help children realize they can be Christ’s light for others by making loving choices. When we make the sacrament of reconciliation, we are freed from the burden of our sin so that we can better be Christ’s light in the world.

**Directions:**

* Sing verse 1 of “This Little Light of Mine”
* Read Matthew 5:14-16. Ask your child what he or she thinks that passage means. How can we apply that in our own lives? Each of you may name three ways you can be Christ’s light in the world this week. List your child’s responses here:
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	3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Say, “To help us remember that we can be God’s light for others, we are going to decorate this candle holder. We will use this candle during the Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 18th.”
	+ Please write your child’s name (first and last) on the bottom of the candle holder on the label before they begin decorating it. In case there is any question at the Rite, this is how we will identify whose candle is whose.
	+ You child may use stickers (provided, but optional), glitter glue, paint pens—anything that will stay on the glass and make it their unique candle.
* Pray the closing prayer found on the prayer card included in your materials.
* Pick another verse or two from “This Little Light of Mine” to sing together to end this activity.

***NOTE: Please remember to bring your child’s candle to the Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:15pm.***

If you are afraid you might forget, you may drop it off in the Faith Formation Office ahead. During the Rite, your child should keep his or her candle with you, and then once he or she has completed confession, you will go up as a family to light the candle and leave it on the sanctuary steps. More specific instructions will be given at the Rite itself.