**Candles**

We are meant to shine for Jesus.

**Prep**

Get a candle, a match, and a bowl (or something to completely cover the candle with). Find a way to block any windows in your classroom or you can do this object lesson in a room without windows.

Turn your Bible to Mark 4:21-23.

**Demonstration**

Light the candle and ask the class if they think the light from the candle will be hidden if you turn off the lights.

 Have someone turn the lights off and ask if everyone can still see the candle light.

 Then cover the candle with something that will completely hide it, like a bowl.

 After a little bit turn the lights back on and let everyone see what you did.

**Object Lesson**

“Isn't it interesting how darkness can never cover up light? An object can cover up light, but darkness itself cannot do it. Anytime you turn on a light or light a candle, darkness is covered with light. Light is always more powerful.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the light of the world. Just like when a light is turned on we can see clearly, Jesus came to clearly show everyone about God and His love and forgiveness.

The Bible also tells us each Christian is to be a light to our dark world. Once we start to follow Jesus we are to each be a light to show people how to know God.

Mark 4:21-23 says, "Is a candle brought to be put under a bush, or under a bed?" Of course not, then it’s worthless!

As Christ followers we are to act like Jesus and not hide our faith by acting like the world or by keeping our faith a secret. In the same way you don't turn on a lamp and then cover it up with a dark blanket.”

**Wrap Up**

“Christians are meant to represent Christ constantly and to boldly live out our faith so that when people see us they will clearly see Jesus.”