

JESUS TEACHES THAT WE ARE TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-16

Pre-K&K
Grades 1&2
Grades 3&4
Grades 5&6

What Kids Will Do: Make salt paintings that crystallize and glitter.

What Kids Will Need: world pattern (p. 105), colored salt, glue, paintbrushes, paper plates

Preparation Place: Place ¼ cup salt in a sandwich bag. Add a few drops of green food coloring and close the bag. Knead the bag until the salt is a uniform color. Repeat with yellow and blue food coloring. Copy the world pattern (p. 105) onto the card stock. (Because of the weight of the glue and salt, this craft works better with heavier paper.) At each child's work area, lay out the pattern, a paintbrush, and a small container of glue.

Steps **KIDS** SALT PAINTING

Bible Point: You are the salt of the earth.

1. Paint glue onto the ocean areas of your picture, and then sprinkle blue salt over the area. Gently shake the extra onto a paper plate for someone else to use.
2. Paint glue onto the different continent areas of your picture, and then sprinkle various colors of salt one by one over the separate areas. Gently shake the excess onto a separate paper plate of that color salt for someone else to use.
3. Squeeze lines of glue to create sun rays around the earth. Sprinkle these with yellow salt. Set aside your picture to dry.

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TYING IT TOGETHER

As their pictures dry, gather the kids for a review of the verses. Then ask:

- What two things did Jesus say we are?
- What good things do salt and light do for us?
- What examples have you seen of people acting like salt and light at home? at school?
- How can our actions shine for Jesus?

Say: Jesus told the people that they were salt and light. He was telling the people that it's because of our example that others will know about God. If we don't share what we believe about Jesus and God with other people, it's like letting the salt lose its flavor or hiding the light where no one can see. We need to let people see Jesus in us just as we can see the sparkle of the salt through the colors on our pictures. You are the salt of the earth.