

## **Day 1: When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light!**

[SLIDE 1] Say: This week at Stellar Totally Catholic VBS we will talk a lot about shining Jesus' light.

[SLIDE 2] Say: God has revealed his Word to us. He speaks to us in two ways – through Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture. What's another word for Sacred Scripture? [Allow children time to respond] That's right – the Bible!

[SLIDE 3] Say: The Bible says, "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." God's Word helps us to see – it helps us to see how much he loves us, to see his Son Jesus, and to see his plan for our lives. God's Word is a light for us – especially in dark times.

[SLIDE 4] Say: We want everyone to know God's Word, but getting access to a Bible can be difficult for some people, including those who are in prison. By supporting the work of City of Agape, we can help people get Catholic bibles so they can read God's Word. The money we gather here at Stellar Totally Catholic VBS means that individuals, families, parishes and schools will have the bibles they need to read and study God's Word in Sacred Scripture.

[SLIDE 5] OPTIONAL – Say: Turn to your neighbor and take time to answer these questions.

[SLIDE 6] Say: Let's pray this prayer together.

## **Day 2: When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light!**

[SLIDE 1] Say: Today we are learning that when people don't get along, we can shine Jesus' Light!

[SLIDE 2] Say: God's Word can bring each of us peace in times of trouble. We are called to share God's peace with others, too!

[SLIDE 3] Say: In the Bible, we read about how Jesus called us to "Love one another" (John 13:34) and said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). We can help share God's peace with others by giving them access to Sacred Scripture. With the money we raise through our VBS Outreach Project, City of Agape can supply Catholic bibles to people who might not otherwise have them.

[SLIDE 4] OPTIONAL – Say: Turn to your neighbor and take time to answer these questions.

[SLIDE 5] Say: Let's pray this prayer together.

### **Day 3: When good things happen, shine Jesus' light!**

[SLIDE 1] Say: Our Bible Point for today is, "When good things happen, shine Jesus' light!"

[SLIDE 2] Say: In the Bible, we read about good things God has done for us.

[SLIDE 3] Say: God made the world and everything in it. He sent his Son Jesus. He fills our lives with many blessings. Scripture tells us, "Every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father" (James 1:17). We want to share the good news with others that God gives us good things! By partnering with City of Agape through our VBS Outreach Project, we can ensure that many more people get to read this good news in Sacred Scripture, including people who might not be able to afford to buy bibles of their own.

[SLIDE 4] OPTIONAL – Say: Turn to your neighbor and take time to answer these questions.

[SLIDE 5] Say: Let's pray this prayer together.

#### **Day 4: When people are sad, shine Jesus' light!**

[SLIDE 1] Say: Today's Bible Point is, "When people are sad, shine Jesus' light!"

[SLIDE 2] Say: God's word brings us hope and joy.

[SLIDE 3] Say: Everyone is sad sometimes, but Sacred Scripture reminds us that God is always with us, and we always have hope. We are happy when we read about the great things God has done for us and the eternal life he promises. We want everyone to be able to experience the joy that can come from knowing God's Word. Our VBS Outreach Project with City of Agape will help us get Catholic bibles to people who might not be able to buy them.

[SLIDE 4] OPTIONAL – Say: Turn to your neighbor and take time to answer these questions.

[SLIDE 5] Say: Let's pray this prayer together.

## **Day 5: When people need help, shine Jesus' light!**

[SLIDE 1] Say: Today's Bible Point is, "When people need help, shine Jesus' light!"

[SLIDE 2] Say: Can you believe this is the last day of VBS? I hope you've had a wonderful and blessed time! We've spent a lot of time talking about God's Word in the Bible. God's Word in Sacred Scripture calls us to help people when they are in need. In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, Jesus says that whatever we do for others, we do for him.

[SLIDE 3] Say: Everyone needs food, shelter, and clothing. God calls us to share these things with people who don't have them. All of us also need the Word of God so we can understand God's plan for our lives. This week, we have been partnering with City of Agape to provide Catholic bibles to people who need them. For every \$25 raised, we can provide 3 Bibles for people who need them. Did anyone see how much money we brought in? I'm excited to find out! Thank you for shining Jesus' light by sharing God's Word with others!

[SLIDE 4] OPTIONAL -- Say: Turn to your neighbor and take time to answer these questions.

[SLIDE 5] Thank you for listening carefully all week and sharing in our discussions. Have a great last day at Stellar Totally Catholic VBS! Let's pray this prayer together.