



Let Your Light Shine

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

(Matthew 5:16)

We know that all the good things we do come from the Lord alone and that we are not to take the credit or the glory. A closing activity for a youth group that has been working on charity or doing uses within the community might look like this:

1. Each person comes forward one at a time, lights a candle and says, “Today the Lord...” (then they fill in the sentence with something charitable they did that day). *For example, “Today the Lord raked leaves for Mrs. Smith who just got out of the hospital last week.”*
2. When that person sits down, another person comes forward, lights a candle, and says, *(for example) “Today the Lord reached out to comfort and listen to a young girl whose parents were having a hard time.”*
3. After each person has had the opportunity to light a candle and give glory to the Lord, the group may form a circle around the candles and humbly offer a prayer of gratitude for being able to do these uses for the Lord, as well as a prayer of comfort for the people who benefited from them. The larger the group, the greater the light that shines forth.