

# “Camp Wilderness” - LESSON 4

## “It’s Time To Glow!”

### Main Focus:

We must be in God’s presence daily!



### Power Verse:

“...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

– Matthew 5:16 (NIV)



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Be In God’s Presence Every Single Day!”

## LEADER’S INFO

Many people don’t understand the importance of spending time with God every day. They assume that going to church on Sundays is about all they need to be able to make it through the week.

God doesn’t desire a “once per week” relationship with us. He wants to be a part of our everyday lives. He wants to be close to us every single day of our lives.

In this lesson, the children will learn through the story of Moses’ glowing face that being in God’s presence always results in a CHANGE in us. If we are to accomplish God’s plan for our lives, we must not rely on our own strength. We must be in God’s presence every single day, receiving His strength.

Instead of being too busy, we should make time to stop, drop, & glow!



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“Glow Up!”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Ranger Rick”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Ready, Set, Glow”



### Bible Story

“Moses’ Face Glows”



### Power Verse Video

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### Call To Action

“It’s Time To Glow!”



### Rewind!

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

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**Whatchagaddaknow:**

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**Lesson 4 Materials Needed:**

**“The Spark” Intro Video**

- “Lesson 4 - The Spark” Intro Video

**“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**

- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 4 - Teaching” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 4 - Trigger” Video

**Character Skit**

- “Ranger Rick” Theme Graphic/Music

**Offering Time**

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

**Game Time!**

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “Ready, Set, Glow” Graphic

- Two Glow Necklaces

- Two Glow Sticks

**Bible Story**

- “Lesson 4 - Bible Story” Graphics

**Power Verse Video**

- “Lesson 4 - Power Verse” Video

**Call To Action**

- “Lesson 4 - Call To Action” Graphics

- A Bunch Of Glow Sticks

**Rewind!**

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video

- “REWIND!” Lesson 4 Graphics

**Small Group Experience**

- Bible

- Lots Of Pennies

- A Timer Or Stopwatch

- Blindfolds

- Kitchen Tongs Or Spoons (*optional*)

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## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Welcome back to our series, Camp Wilderness! We’ve been learning some important lessons from Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness.

I have a question...Have you ever been on a hike at night? Everything gets quiet... the sky is dark... and if you aren’t careful - you might trip over a rock or walk into a tree.

That’s why every smart camper brings something very important with them if they ever go on a night hike. What do you think that is? *(allow response)* That’s right! A flashlight! Because when things get dark—you need a light to show the way.

The Bible talks about “shining your light.” We live in a dark world filled with sin. We need to spend time in God presence so His light can change our hearts and lives. Then, we can take His presence out into the world and GLOW!

To help you understand a little bit more of what I mean, I want you to check out this video...

**(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 4”)**

**Leader:** If we want to glow with God’s love, joy, peace, and kindness...we can’t just do it on our own. We have to spend time in God’s presence first. He fills us up with His power and goodness, so we can take that light to the world around us.

So today, we’re learning something really important. It’s not just about showing up at church, or even reading the Bible once in a while. It’s about being with God every single day so we’re ready to GO into the world and GLOW for Him! We need to shine the light of God’s love every single day!

You’re going to learn a lot more about that in today’s lesson. But first, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

**(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)**



## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character:** “Ranger Rick” *(Dressed as a typical forest ranger, Ranger Rick is very confident in his ability to come in and save the day - even if it isn’t needed. He is very upbeat and animated, with lots of energy.)*

**Rick:** *(Enters with a map and a book, looking very serious)* I know everything about the woods! Did you know that a raccoon can fit into a space the size of a peanut butter jar?

**Leader:** Interesting fact, Ranger Rick! But how does that help us today?

**Rick:** Uh, duh! Raccoons are the best foraging experts! So, if you ever get lost, just follow them! They always know the way!

**Leader:** *(Laughing)* Or maybe that’ll lead you to a campsite full of mischief!

**Rick:** *(Scratching his head)* You might be right. But what about goldfish? They’re the best at teaching you how to relax.

**Leader:** *(Raising an eyebrow)* Goldfish? They have nothing to do with the woods! And I think today we’re going to learn from someone and something a little bit more important...

**Rick:** What could be more important than a goldfish? One time, I had a twenty-minute conversation with one! The whole time, all the fish did was float. Now THAT’S what I call chillin’!

**Leader:** *(Chuckling)* That does sound nice, but there are things far more important than floating with fish! Today, we’re talking about spending time in God’s presence!

**Rick:** *(Eyes wide)* Presents?! Like when you find a sandwich in the garbage?

**Leader:** No! Ew! I think you’ve been spending too much time with raccoons!

**Rick:** Maybe... but they’re so cute! The other day, I watched one eat an apple that had a firefly on it. The next thing I knew, his stomach was glowing from the inside out!

**Leader:** *(Grinning)* Glowing, you say? I know a thing or two about glowing.

**Rick:** Really? Have you eaten a firefly too?

**Leader:** No! But I do know the story about Moses spending time with God. God’s glory was so strong with Moses that his face glowed!

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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

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**Rick:** You’re saying Moses BECAME a firefly?

**Leader:** Kind of! You see, being in God’s presence changes us, and others can see that change!

**Rick:** So if I go read my Bible, will I turn into a firefly? Or a flashlight? What about a walking disco ball?

**Leader:** Not exactly, but you will shine with God’s love! Being with God makes us more like God. The more you read the Bible, pray, and spend time with Him, the more you start to look like Him!

**Rick:** Wow! So instead of spending so much time with those raccoons, I should spend time with God?

**Leader:** Definitely! And it shouldn’t be something you just do once, and you’re done. You have to spend time with him every day.

**Rick:** Every day? But when will I ever have time to talk to goldfish?

**Leader:** *(Smiling)* You will still have plenty of time for that! It doesn’t matter how long you spend with God. You just have to make some time every day. Some days you might have a few minutes, and other days you might spend hours!

**Rick:** Huh! Well, I’m ready to glow! But first, I need to warn the raccoons about my glowing presence, so they don’t mistake me for a tasty glowing snack! I am Ranger Rick, guardian of the wilderness!

*(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)*



# **GAME TIME**

## **“Ready, Set, Glow!”**

### **Items Needed For Game:**

Two glow necklaces; Two glow sticks

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### **Preparation:**

Choose three boys and three girls to participate in this game. Have the boys line up single-file in one line and the girls in another line. Tape the glow sticks to the back of two chairs, and place the chairs approximately 20-30 feet away from the two lines. Make sure the pathway from the kids in line to the chairs is clear.

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### **How To Play:**

This is a relay game. The first kid in each line puts a glow necklace on (this will serve as the “baton” of the relay). Turn off the lights in the room. When you say, “Ready, Set, GLOW!” the first two kids in line should WALK toward the chairs with the glow sticks on them, walk around them, and make their way back to their teammates in line. When they get back to their line, they should place the glow necklace on the next person in line. The next person should proceed to WALK down and around the chair. The process continues until all three kids on one team have completed the course. The first team to complete the course is declared the winner.



## Bible Story

### “Moses’ Face Glows”

#### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 4; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

#### Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in *Exodus 34*; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

#### The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in Exodus chapter 34. Moses has been leading the Israelites for quite a long time in the wilderness. You might remember that the Israelites tended to do a lot of complaining and fussing along the way. (*show pic*) Can you imagine how tired Moses must have gotten at times? Moses wasn’t exactly a young man anymore. Besides that, he was consistently dealing with difficulties and problems that came as a result of leading the Israelites.



Moses knew exactly where he needed to go to receive strength. It’s the same place that you and I must go - into the presence of God. (*show pic*) One day, Moses returned from spending time up on top of a mountain talking with God.



There was something different about Moses, though. The people noticed that Moses had a strong glow on his face. (*show pic*) This glow was because he had spent time talking with God face to face and the glory of God was so strong that it radiated all over Moses’ face. There was no doubt that Moses had spent time with God because that was the only thing that could have caused such a glow on his face.



The glow was so strong that the people couldn’t look at Moses directly in the face. His face glowed too strongly from being in God’s presence, it hurt their eyes. So, Moses had to do something about it. (*show pic*) Moses placed a veil over his face so that he could talk with the people.



From that point on, whenever Moses went into God’s presence to spend time with God, he would take the veil off while he was in prayer. Then, when Moses left God’s presence, he put the veil back on his face so that the glow of God’s glory was not too strong for the Israelites.

Can you imagine what that must have been like? What would it be like for it to be so obvious that you had been in God’s presence that everyone around could literally SEE it! Well, in your lesson today you are going to learn that each one of us can have this kind of experience. Now, I don’t mean that your face will literally GLOW like Moses’ did, but you will learn that when you spend time with God, amazing things happen and you are definitely CHANGED!



## Call To Action “It’s Time To Glow!”

### Materials Needed:

The “Lesson 4 - Call To Action” graphics; a bunch of glow sticks (*enough for every child to have one*)

### Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Lesson 4 - Call To Action - Title”

### The Message: *(title slide)*



Today, we are talking about spending time with God. Moses fully understood the importance of spending time with God in prayer and worship. After all, Moses is the one who was responsible for building the first “church building” called the tabernacle. He knew it was important to be with God every opportunity that he had.

Why is it so important to be in God’s presence? Because...

### I Am Changed In God’s Presence *(slide)*



Moses was definitely changed after he spent time with God. His face glowed from being around God’s glory. Isn’t that so cool? Now, you probably won’t have that happen after you pray. Most likely you won’t walk out of church today and have your face glowing all over the place. But, anytime you are in God’s presence, you are changed.

God’s power changes us. It changes our bad attitudes to good attitudes. God’s power changes our sadness to joy. God’s power changes our sinfulness to righteousness. When you spend time in God’s presence, you WILL be changed. Not only that, but...

### Others Will See The Change *(slide)*



Moses wasn’t aware there had been a change. He didn’t know his face was glowing. But, when he came down from the mountain, everyone else noticed. It was obvious to all the people Moses had been changed in the presence of God.

Here’s what I want you to think about today: Do people notice that you have been in His presence? Does it affect the way you look, the way you talk, and the way you treat people? Is it obvious, just by looking at you, that you have been in the presence of God?

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## Call To Action (Continued)

Jesus instructed us in *Matthew 5:16*, “Let your light shine for all to see, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.” The world is a dark place because of sin, but God wants others to see His light in our lives. Light can easily be seen in the darkness. (*demonstrate this by cracking open one glowstick and turning off the lights; the light will easily be seen by everyone in the room*) Just like this glowstick can easily be seen in the darkness, the world should easily be able to see the light in your life.

Where does that light come from? It comes from being in the presence of “The Light.” Jesus called Himself “The Light of the world” in *John 8:12*. When you spend time with “The Light”, you become like “The Light.” Now, can you imagine if ALL Christians took the time to spend time with God and let the world actually SEE the change (the light) in them? What would that look like? (*pass out a glow stick to everyone in the room, have them crack it open, then turn off the light to show how bright the room gets when everyone has a light*) That’s the kind of difference we can all make if we spend time in God’s presence and let the “glow” of His presence be seen in our lives. Isn’t that amazing?

I think we all would agree that it would be best if every Christian spent time in God’s presence and allowed Him to change them into what He wants them to be. But, there is only one way that will happen. For you and for me...

### I Must Make Time For God Every Day *(slide)*



We are all busy. There are many things that compete for our attention every day: friends, sports, school, video games, television, and more. If we don’t make spending time in God’s presence a priority - before everything else - then it probably won’t happen. Maybe you can make plans to spend time with God when you first wake up. Perhaps it is better for you to make spending time with God the very LAST thing you do before you lay down in bed.

Whenever it is that you make time to be in God’s presence, the most important thing is that you MAKE TIME to be in God’s presence. No matter how busy your life may be, you must make time to stop what you are doing, drop to your knees in prayer, and then let the glory of God GLOW in your life for others to see.

### ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray that the kids would make spending time with God a priority every single day. Pray that God’s light will shine so brightly in their lives that others will see and notice.



## **REWIND!**

### **Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 4 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

### **Preparation:**

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Whatchagaddaknow today?**

**Answer:** “I Will Be In God’s Presence Every Single Day!”

**2. Where had Moses been spending time with God in our Bible Story?**

**Answer:** On A Mountain

**3. What did the people notice about Moses’ face?**

**Answer:** It Glowed

**4. What caused Moses’ face to glow?**

**Answer:** The Glory Of God

**5. What did Moses put over his face to dim the glow?**

**Answer:** A Veil

**6. According to our lesson today, “I Am \_\_\_\_\_ In God’s Presence.”**

**Answer:** Changed

**7. According to our lesson today, “Others Will \_\_\_\_\_ The Change.”**

**Answer:** See

**8. According to our lesson today, “I Must Make \_\_\_\_\_ For God Every Day.”**

**Answer:** Time

**9. Jesus said, “I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.”**

**Answer:** Light

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** Matthew 5:16