

## Candle Craft: “Let Your Light Shine” Paper Lantern



### **Objective:**

*To create a paper lantern-style candle craft that reminds youth they are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14-16).*

### **Supplies:**

- *1 sheet of construction paper or printer paper (yellow, white, or light color)*

- *Markers, crayons, or colored pencils*
- *Scissors*
- *Tape or glue*
- *Optional: small LED tealight or flashlight (for glow effect)*

***Instructions:***

1. *On your paper (landscape direction), write the memory verse at the top: “Let your light shine before others...” – Matthew 5:16*  
*Decorate the rest of the paper with:*
  - a. *Drawings of candles, stars, suns, hearts, etc.*
  - b. *Words like “Shine,” “Be the Light,” “Glow for God,” etc.*
2. *Fold the paper **hot dog style** (long side to long side).*
3. *Starting from the **folded edge**, cut slits about 1 inch apart, stopping 1 inch from the top. Do **not** cut all the way through.*
4. *Unfold the paper, then **curl it into a tube** so the slits bow outward like a lantern. Tape or glue the edges together.*
5. *If they have a **battery-operated tealight or flashlight**, place it inside to see the glow! (No real candles or fire).*