

# Shine for Jesus!

(Matthew 5:14-16)

## Four parts:

Ellie (a serious girl who doesn't like to take chances)

Robert (an adventurous boy who seems to have no fear)

Anna (an outgoing girl who is known for being kind)

Clyde (a silly boy who likes to make people laugh)

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**Ellie:** Hi, Robert. Did you have a good weekend?

**Robert:** Did I ever! My dad and I built a tree house and a climbing wall in our back yard. It was awesome!

**Ellie:** A climbing wall? Why on earth would you want a climbing wall?! A tree house I understand, but a climbing wall seems a little dangerous...

**Robert:** But that's why it's fun! I like pretending I'm a secret agent trying to recover a stolen artifact from the ancient tombs of Egypt.

**Ellie:** Okay...

**Anna:** Hi, Ellie and Robert! What are you guys talking about?

**Robert:** Oh, I was just telling Ellie about the cool stuff my dad and I built in our back yard. What did you do this weekend?

**Anna:** Well, my parents and I collected food from our neighbors and took it down to the food pantry. I love meeting new people, and I also love helping, so it was great!

**Ellie:** Wow! I wish I was as outgoing as you. Meeting new people is scary for me, so I could never collect food from my neighbors.

**Clyde:** Hey, guys! Want to know what I did yesterday? My teacher from church took me to meet some people at a nursing home so I could tell them jokes. They laughed and laughed and it was fun to make them feel better. What are you guys up to?

**Robert:** Well, Anna was telling us about collecting items for a food pantry. That doesn't seem like fun to me...or going to a nursing home...I'm just not interested in those things.

**Ellie:** Me either! I wish I could do something to help others like you two. But I'd rather stay home and work on my art projects.

**Anna:** Well, that sounds like a way to help others!

**Ellie:** What do you mean?

**Anna:** You could make crafts for people in the hospital to cheer them up.

**Clyde:** Or you could make cards to give to the volunteers here at church to thank them for serving God.

**Ellie:** Thanks, guys! I never thought about how God may want to use my talents to help others, but those are great ideas.

**Robert:** Well, then what about me? Making cards is not something I would like to do – that sounds BORING!

**Anna:** Hmm... Well, what about teaching other kids how to skate board?

**Clyde:** Yeah, and then you could tell them about the skate boarding group we have here at church! What an awesome way to invite them to learn about God.

**Anna:** I agree. Whenever we use our unique talents and interests to serve others, then we shine our “lights” as believers!

**Robert:** That’s so cool! I’ve never thought about my dangerous habits being useful for God...

**Clyde:** Ha, ha, they are! When we work together to serve in different ways, our “lights” shine the brightest.

**Anna:** That’s right, Clyde. And who knows? Maybe someone will trust in Jesus because they see our service and want to know more about Him. How awesome would that be?

**Ellie:** That would be amazing. Well, thanks for the input, guys.

**Robert:** Yeah, and maybe we could even start a rock climbing group, or a parachuting group, or even a bike racing group!

**Clyde:** Sure, buddy. The possibilities are endless...