

# Keeping...



# In Step with the Master Teacher

Issue 3:2

## Communicating with children

Children often struggle to understand abstract concepts or ideas outside their realm of experience. We can use object lessons to help communicate those ideas effectively.



## Practical Tip

Here is an object lesson to help children understand how sin can prevent us from shining God's light to the world. You will need a battery-powered torch, paper and a marker. Before the session, cut the paper to a size that can be folded and placed inside the torch. Write the word "sin" on the paper and place it between the battery and the terminal, so that the torch no longer works when switched on.

During the session, ask several children to turn on the torch. When they discover that it doesn't work, discuss what might be wrong. If they suggest there is no battery, open the torch to show them that the battery is there. If they suggest that the battery is dead, assure them that the battery was working when you put it in the torch. Let one child examine the torch to find out what the problem is - something was stopping the power from getting to the torch! Open the paper to reveal the word "sin."

Look at verses such as Matthew 5:16 and Ephesians 5:8. Explain that when we trust in Jesus as our Saviour, God gives us the power to do what he wants us to do. Our life becomes like a light that lets others see God's power at work in us, changing us to be like him. However, sin can get in the way so we don't shine like we ought to.

*To learn more, we recommend the ISMT training session:*

*Communicating with Children*

**...you should be a light for other people. Live so that that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven.**

Mt.5:16  
(International Children's Bible)



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