

Esther and Emmett – March 14 2021

Esther: (singing)
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine!

Emmett: Hi Esther.

Esther: Hi Emmett.

Emmett: Hey, that was a catchy tune and a fun song.

Esther: Yes – 'this little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.' I was thinking it would be an appropriate song for a certain someone to sing. Can you guess who?

Emmett: Hmm...let me think. 'This little light of mine' - wait, how about that talking candlestick in the movie Beauty and the Beast. That's it! Lumiere could sing 'this little light of mine.'

Esther: Good guess, but I wasn't thinking of Lumiere.

Emmett: Okay, wait, I can get this. How about if someone holds up their iphone with the iphone flashlight turned on...that's a pretty small light: "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine..."

Esther: That's also a good guess, but that's not whom I was thinking about. I was thinking of...God!

Emmett: GOD! Oh ya, God. Does God have an iphone?

Esther: I was thinking that the little light of God would be Jesus.

Emmett: Jesus! I wasn't expecting that...wait, didn't Jesus say something about light?

Esther: Yes, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Jesus said that he was the light of the world.

Emmett: I guess that means he was a pretty bright person!

Esther: Certainly, but I think it also means that Jesus helps us to see the world the way God wants us to see the world.

Emmett: Right...what do you mean?

Esther: Well, if you go into a room that is dark, you would turn on a light, wouldn't you?

Emmett: That would be the first thing I would do.

Esther: Why would you turn on a light?

Emmett: Well, so I could see. I sure wouldn't want to stub my toe on a table let just

because I couldn't see it.

Esther: Of course not. So you turn on the light so that you can see what's around you?

Emmett: Yeh, that sounds right!

Esther: So you don't turn on the light so that you can look at the light?

Emmett: Well...no...

Esther: It's the same when you are outside at night and are using a flashlight to see where you are going. You look at what the ground that is lit up, but you don't look actually look into the light of the flashlight.

Emmett: Right...the light helps me see where I'm going.

Esther: So, if Jesus is a light that God shines in this world, then what Jesus does is.....

Emmett: Let me see...that's it...if Jesus is the light of the world then Jesus helps me 'see'...see what's around me and see where I'm going!

Esther: Jesus helps us see the world as God's world, and see people as God's children, and see that we should love everyone as God loves everyone!

Emmett: So Jesus is God's little light shining in this world!!

Esther: And so are each of us!

Emmett: Huh...you're a little light too?

Esther: And you are a little light...and everyone can be a little light...because we can all show each other the way to go...the way of loving each other and caring about each other.

Emmett: Guess what I'm going to do today Esther?

Esther: What are you going to do Emmett?

Emmett: I'm going to send some texts to some of my friends and tell them that God loves them. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Esther: And let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!! AMEN

Emmett: AMEN!