



Sacred Space Surprise: **Candle: *Inspired to Be the Light***

Find your tea-light candle. Light your candle or turn it on if it's an LED candle.
Take a moment to gaze at the light in silence.

Say:

Light and flame help us remember the Holy Spirit, the inspiring part of God in each of us.
In fact, the word inspired means to be Spirit-filled.

Jesus understood how inspiring the image of light could be. One day, he told his friends – *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)*

He also said to each of them – *You are the light of the world.* We get to do more than see the light. When we become inspired to try to live as Jesus lived, we get to be the light. The words we say, and the way we treat people can inspire others to be the light.

As you look at the light, think about one kind thing you could do or say that might inspire someone else. (*Allow a few moments of quiet reflection*)

Now let's sing "This Little Light of Mine" together.

This little light of mine – I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of mine – I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of mine – I'm going to let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Place your candle on the altar. Each time you see the candle may it remind you Jesus is the light of the world, and you can be a light to others by the kind things you do and say, just like Jesus did.