

**Purpose:**

The *Little Lights Podcast* is designed to introduce young children to the rich truths of Scripture, the beauty of the Gospel, and the timeless wisdom of the Church, all in a fun and engaging way. The podcast will feature lively characters, each contributing to the theme of the episode and helping children learn foundational Christian teachings. With segments that are both educational and entertaining, *Little Lights Podcast* will be an engaging resource that encourages children to grow in their faith, understand God's Word, and develop a love for hymns, Church history, and classic Christian literature.

Target Audience:

Children ages 4-10, parents, and educators who want to introduce foundational Christian teachings and principles in a fun and captivating way.

Podcast Format:

Each episode will follow a structured format that balances teaching with engaging, child-friendly segments to hold the attention of young listeners. The format will be as follows:

1. Welcome and Introduction (Host: Lenny the Lantern)

The episode will begin with the host, Lenny the Lantern, introducing the theme of the episode. Lenny will make the audience feel welcome and set the stage for an exciting journey through the episode's content.

Each episode will introduce a specific theme—such as a catechism question, a hymn, or a biblical truth—and highlight a historical figure from Church history. Lenny and his guest will talk about the figure's significance and how they contributed to the Christian faith.

2. Catechism Segment

A key part of the *Little Lights Podcast* is the inclusion of foundational Christian doctrines. This segment will feature the Westminster Shorter Catechism, with the character guiding

the children through a catechism question and providing simple, age-appropriate explanations of the answer.

3. Creation Segment

A character will introduce fun and interesting facts about a specific animal or creature, helping children appreciate God's creation and how it points to His greatness. These creatures will often tie back to the theme of the episode.

4. Story Time (Classic Christian Literature)

The podcast will include a reading from classic Christian works like *Pilgrim's Progress* or other age-appropriate literature. Thomas will ask questions following the reading to help the children engage with the story, making it an interactive learning experience.

6. Hymn Segment

Each episode will explore a particular hymn, with a character explaining the meaning behind a specific line or stanza. The hymn will be tied to the theme of the episode, helping children learn more about worship and God's greatness through song.

7. Bible Verse Memory

Lenny will introduce a Bible verse related to the theme of the episode. Together with a special guest, Lenny will explain the verse, helping the children understand its meaning and encourage them to memorize it. This segment will help children hide God's Word in their hearts.

8. Farewell

Each episode will end with Lenny the Lantern encouraging children to continue shining bright in their faith and to remember that everything they do can bring glory to God. A prayer or blessing will be said, and Lenny will invite listeners to tune in next time for more adventures.

Episode Example:

- Theme: The Glory of God
- Historical Figure: John Calvin
- Catechism Question: What is the chief end of man?

- Creation: Sugar Glider
 - Story Time: Introduction to the *Pilgrim's Progress*
 - Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"
 - Bible Verse Memory: 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - Farewell: Encouragement to glorify God in everything we do.
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Why This Podcast is Needed:

1. Scriptural Foundation: The *Little Lights Podcast* is grounded in the truth of Scripture, helping children understand the Gospel, the Catechism, and foundational Christian principles at an early age.
 2. Engaging and Fun: With lively characters, historical figures, and exciting segments, the podcast holds the attention of young listeners while teaching them important lessons.
 3. Educational and Interactive: The mix of Bible memory, catechism, creation facts, and classic literature encourages children to engage with their faith in a multifaceted way.
 4. Timeless Christian Teachings: The podcast connects children with the deep truths of the Christian faith and Church history, building a foundation that will serve them throughout their lives.
 5. Parental and Educational Support: The podcast provides parents and educators with a valuable tool for introducing children to the richness of the Christian faith in a fun, child-friendly way.
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Length:

Each episode will be approximately 10-15 minutes long, with quick, engaging segments tied together by a common theme. This structure is designed to keep young children engaged while instilling the foundational truths of the catechism and Scripture. By breaking the content into digestible portions, we ensure that children can focus on one lesson at a time without feeling overwhelmed.

Frequency:

Initially, the podcast will publish a small batch of episodes (about 12) once a month. This will allow us to assess the viability and reception of the podcast, ensuring that it resonates with our

audience. Based on listener feedback and engagement, we may consider expanding the frequency to bi-weekly or even weekly to further meet the needs of our young listeners.

Structure:

The *Little Lights Podcast* will be a collaborative effort, with a community of contributors working together to bring each episode to life. Thomas will oversee the scheduling, editing, and preparation of the introduction and conclusion, ensuring consistency across episodes. He will also read from classic Christian literature during the "Story Time" segment, helping to bring these rich texts to life for young listeners. Other contributors will be responsible for specific segments, such as catechism questions, Bible verse memory, and the hymn segment, creating a well-rounded and engaging podcast that reflects the contributions of the wider community.

Involvement

Here are some ways you can get involved if you would be interested in assisting with the podcast:

- **Funding:** The podcast is designed to make good content not money, however making content will incur certain costs (such as software, website hosting, and other production needs). If you feel led, we would be grateful for any financial support to help cover these expenses.
- **Telling your friends:** Word of mouth is a powerful tool! If you know others who might benefit from the podcast, please share it with them. The more families we reach, the greater the impact we can make in helping children grow in their faith.
- **Leaving a review on iTunes:** Reviews help boost the podcast's visibility, making it easier for other families to find and enjoy. A simple review can help us grow and better serve our audience.
- **Character segments:** If you are interested in contributing to the podcast by writing and performing short, engaging character segments for young children, we would love to hear from you. These segments could feature fun voices or creative methods that align with the podcast's themes and tone.
- **Advertising materials or products:** We are open to partnering with businesses or individuals who offer products or materials that align with the foundational points of this podcast, such as doctrinally sound children's books, educational resources, or

church-related materials. If you believe your product would be a good fit, please feel free to reach out about possible advertising opportunities.

Conclusion:

The *Little Lights Podcast* is an exciting new project aimed at teaching children the important truths of Scripture, Church history, and the Christian faith through fun and engaging content. With its structure, engaging characters, and focus on foundational teachings, the podcast will not only educate but also inspire children to live out their faith, all while learning about the great heritage of Christianity. Join Lenny the Lantern and his friends on this exciting journey through the Christian faith!