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There are various customs when it comes to lighting Shabbos candles. While it is traditional in many families to light two candles, in our family, we have the custom of adding an additional candle for each child. Our family is blessed with three children and so I light five candles each erev Shabbos. When my children were young, they would join me each Friday night as I lit the candles.

Each child knew that one of the five flames was added just for him or her; that his or her existence makes the world a brighter place. By lighting Shabbos candles together each week, our children learned that each of them has the power to illuminate the world. What a wonderful message to impart to our children.

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