1 On shining a laser pointer you will see a point of light on the wall. But the actual path of light will remain invisible.

2 Now take a blackboard duster laden with chalk. Tap the duster along the probable path of light. The light beam will suddenly shine amidst the particles of chalk.

3 Shine a laser beam on a mirror at an angle.

4 On dusting the chalk particles you will clearly see both the incident and the reflected rays.

A beam of light in air is invisible. Dust and chalk particles scatter light and make the beam visible.