



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (19)

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21



Walking in the Light. *Object: A night light and a flashlight or lantern.*
Are you afraid of the dark? It is not unusual for children to be afraid of the dark. Some of you may have a night light in your bedroom. You shouldn't be embarrassed. In fact, it is probably a wise thing to do. Suppose you wake up in the night and need a drink of water. If you get up in the dark to go get a drink, you might stub your toe or bump your shin. Ouch! That hurts.

If you go for a walk at night, it is a good idea to carry a flashlight or lantern. Even if you are not afraid of the dark, you might step in a hole and sprain your ankle. A flashlight or lantern will help you avoid those things that could harm you. If you have the choice of walking in the dark or walking in the light, which would you choose? I know which one I would choose!

In our Bible readings today, Jesus talks about light and darkness. Jesus said, "Light has come into the world." Do you know what the Light is that Jesus was talking about? He was talking about himself. In another place, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

You might be surprised to know that some people actually choose to walk in darkness rather than in the light. Can you imagine that? Why would they do that? Jesus tells us, "Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their evil deeds will be exposed."

Every day we make choices. If we live by truth, we walk in the light so that it may be plainly seen. As Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." What choice will you make? Will you walk in the light or in the darkness?

Dear Lord, help us to make the right choices and walk in the light. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Alleluia (John 3:16)

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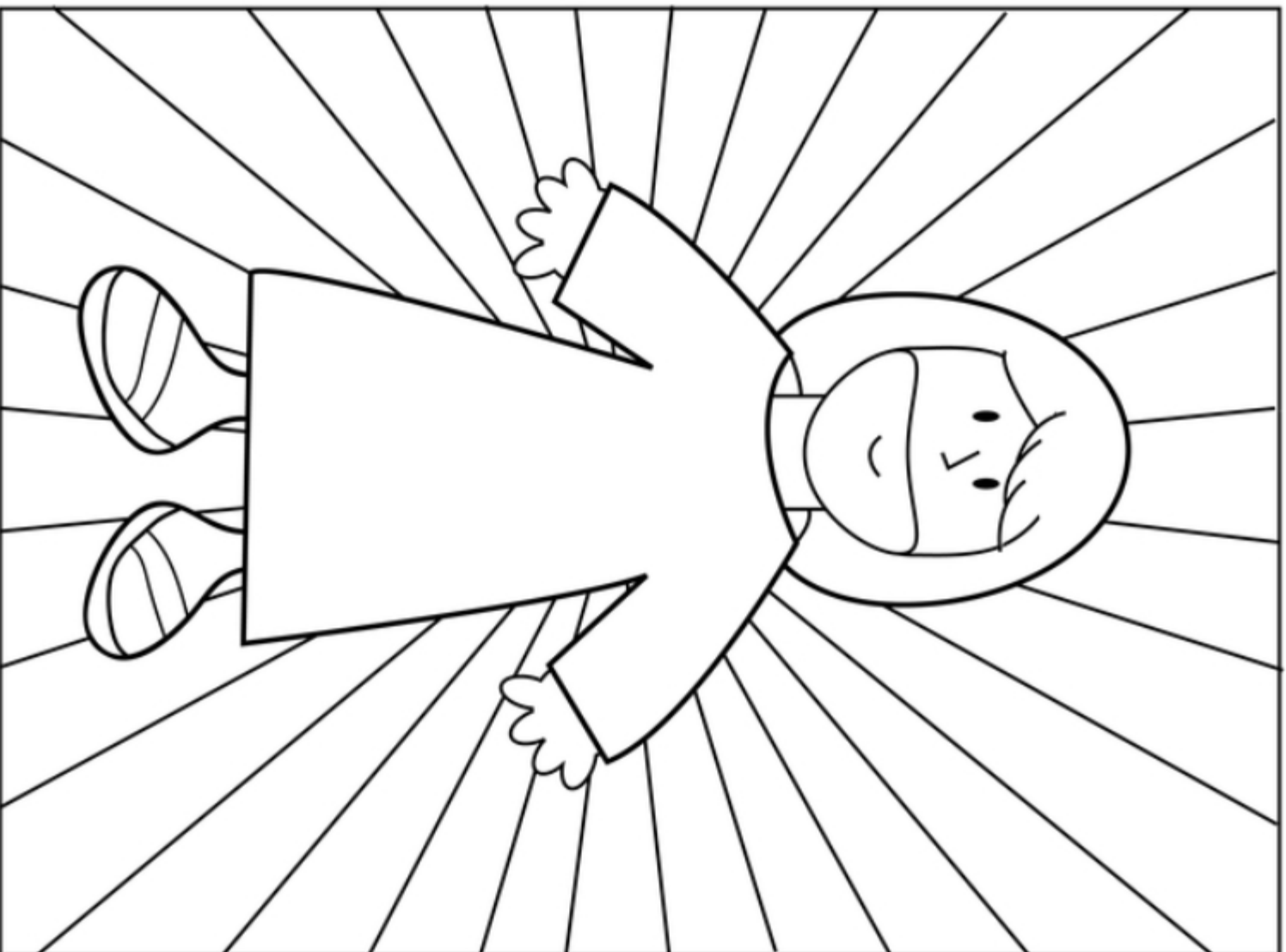
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FLASHLIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT: The teacher will give each child a list of three items to find which the teacher has hidden around the room between shelves, under tables tops, under cabinets or chairs. The teacher will provide the children with a flashlight to assist them in their search. Small items to hide might be coins, pencil, notebooks, gum, a piece of candy, or pictures. Several children can hunt at the same time if there are several flashlights.

LIGHT SWITCH COVER: Give each child a piece of construction paper cut to the size of a standard light switch cover with a hole cut in it to go over the switch. The children can write JESUS IS THE LIGHT from today's Bible lesson about the light. Let the children decorate the light switch cover with bright colors and stickers. Encourage the children to tape this over the light switch in their bedroom at home.

CANDLE FRAME: Give each child a piece of poster board about 5" x 10" and folded in half. Give the children supplies to decorate their Candle FRAME. On left side of the card the children can create a picture of a candle and flame using pieces of construction paper. On the right side can be the Bible verse "Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light" or some other quotation from today's Bible lesson. Encourage the children to set their Candle frame up in their homes to remind them that JESUS is the Light of the world and HIS Light shines in all of us.

THE LIGHT HAS COME



But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

John 3:21 (NIV)