

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

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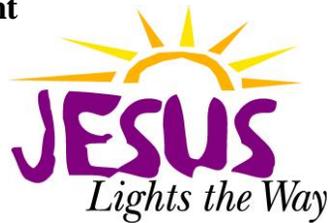
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:14, 8-11

Psalms 126

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28



Reflecting the Light. *Objects: A mirror and a flashlight.*

Have you ever sat outside on a bright sunny day and used a mirror to reflect the sun's light? If one of you will take this flashlight and shine it on me I will show you what I mean. You see, as the light shines on me, I hold up my mirror and I can reflect the light to shine on you. I am not the light, I am just letting my mirror reflect the light to shine on you.

If I am going to reflect the light on you, there are a couple of things that are very important:

- I must keep my mirror facing toward the light. If I turn away from the light, I cannot reflect the light.
- I must make sure that nothing comes between the light and me. If that happens, I cannot reflect the light.

The Bible tells us that "There was a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light: he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world."

Who do you think the true light is that was coming into the world? That is right! It was Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world.

You and I need to be like John. The Bible says that we are to let our light shine, but we need to remember that "Our Light" is Jesus. We are not the light, we are just mirrors that reflect His light.

If we are going to reflect the light of Jesus, we must remember a couple of things:

- We must keep our faces turned toward Jesus.
- We must not let anything come between us and Jesus.

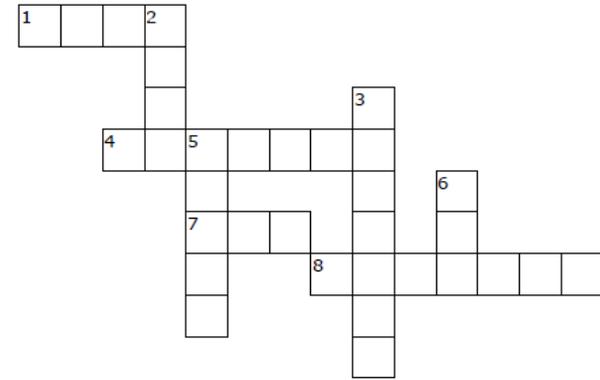
When we remember those two things, we will reflect His light to the entire world.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)

Dear Jesus, we want to reflect your light in the world. Help us to keep our faces turned toward you and help us to keep anything from coming between us and you. Amen.

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- The man sent from God to tell about Jesus (John 1:6)
- To have confidence that something is true (John 1:7)
- The creator of heaven and earth (John 1:6)
- A person who has personal knowledge of something (John 1:8)

DOWN

- What a person, place, or thing is called (John 1:6)
- To tell others about what you have seen or heard (John 1:7)
- Something such as the sun, a flashlight, or lamp that allows you to see (John 1:8)
- An adult male person (John 1:6)

BELIEVE JOHN	MAN WITNESS	TESTIFY GOD	LIGHT NAME
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YELLOW STAR: Have a yellow star cut out or ready for the child to cut out. Decorate with glitter or shiny paper, etc. The child can write REFLECT THE LOVE OF CHRIST on the star. Place a magnet on the back of the star for the child to hang on the refrigerator.



JESUS
is the
LIGHT

