

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
The Light Of The World



### Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

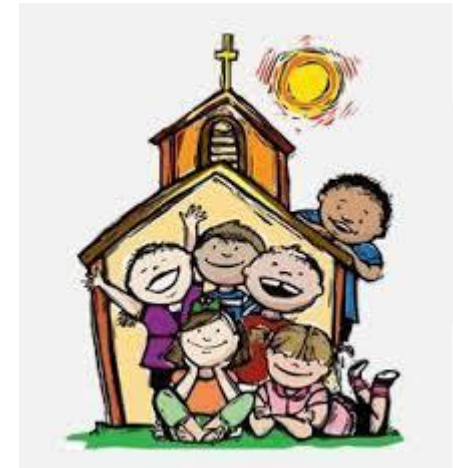
### Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to John...

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he sent his only son to be the light and to save those who believed in him. The light of the world has come but many turn away from it and prefer the darkness. Anyone who does wrong is afraid of the light because their badness will be plain for all to see. The good man has nothing to fear from the light because he is close to God.'

### Respond Together...

- Who is the light of the world? Jesus is!
- What happens when you switch on a light in a dark room? Suddenly the darkness disappears and you can see everything clearly. Jesus is 'the light' who helps us to see the way to God.
- Who is Nicodemus in the story? Nicodemus was a man who came to see Jesus secretly at night. He was hoping that no-one would see him. Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a very religious man who made sure to abide by the Jewish laws. The other



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Pharisees did not like Jesus or his teachings but Nicodemus believed in Jesus and did not want the others to find out.

- If we do something wrong, do we want people to know about it? Not really! No one likes to be found out. This is what Jesus meant about people preferring the darkness and doing things that they don't want people to know about. When we are good and do what is right we have nothing to hide and don't mind being seen.

Pray Together... Jesus, you are the light of the world. You promised that if we stay close to you we will never be lost in the darkness. Help us to stay with you always. Amen

