SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

Pointing to the Light

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday 13 December 2026

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



God sent John to help people recognise Jesus, whom the Gospel calls the light. John was baptising near Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan River.

Some priests and Levites came from Jerusalem to ask John who he was. John said he was not the Christ. They asked whether he was Elijah or the prophet they were expecting. John told them that he was a voice in the wilderness, calling people to get ready for the Lord, just as Isaiah had said.

They asked why he was baptising. John said he used water and told them there was someone among them they had yet to recognise. John felt unworthy even to undo his sandal. John was there to lead people's attention towards Jesus.

An original retelling of John 1:6-8, 19-28

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Draw or write

How could you help someone see Jesus' love?

Draw a lamp shining into a room. In its light, draw or write one way to help someone see Jesus' love.

ADVENT WREATH

Colour the rose candle and its flame.



AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, you are our light. Help us show people your love in the way we speak and act. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

Who did the visitors think John might be? Who did he want them to look for?

TRY ONE THING

Together, write a message of encouragement for someone having a hard time. Tell them one thing you appreciate about them.

Liturgy Office calendar

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