God Came Close

NATIVITY OF THE LORD · DAY



Friday 25 December 2026

John 1:1-18

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



The Gospel of John calls Jesus the Word. Before creation, the Word was already with God and was God. All of creation came to be through him. John describes the life he brings as light for people, a light darkness cannot overcome.

God sent John the Baptist as a witness, someone who could help people recognise the light. Jesus came into the world he had made. Many failed to recognise or welcome him. Those who welcomed him and believed in him were given a place in God's family.

The Word became human and made his home among us. At Christmas, we remember this by looking at Jesus as a baby. God's Son came close enough to hold. Jesus shows us what God is like and gives us grace, which is God's freely given love and help.

An original retelling of John 1:1-18

Draw or write

What does baby Jesus tell you about God?

Draw the baby Jesus with a family caring for him. Around the picture, add things a baby needs.

AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, thank you for coming into our world and showing us your Father's love. Help us share your light with our family and neighbours. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

Why might John use a light to describe what Jesus brings?

TRY ONE THING

Choose one thing a family member needs today. Help with it in a quiet, practical way.

The shorter Christmas Day Gospel is John 1:1-5, 9-14.

Liturgy Office calendar

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