SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

The Light Keeps Shining

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Sunday 3 January 2027

John 1:1-18

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



Before the world began, the Word was with God. John calls Jesus the Word. He tells us that the Word was God and that everything God made came into being through him.

From the Word came life, like a light shining for all people. The darkness could never put it out. God sent John the Baptist to tell people about the light and invite them to believe.

When the true light came into the world, some people did not recognise or welcome him. Those who received him were given the gift of becoming children of God.

The Word became a human being and lived among us. In Jesus we meet God's grace and truth. No one has seen the Father, but Jesus, who is closest to him, has made him known.

An original retelling of John 1:1-18

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Draw or write

Where have you seen Jesus' light shine?

Draw a lamp with rays that reach out in every direction. Along one ray, write or draw a time when someone brought you hope.

AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, your light keeps shining. Help us welcome you and share your hope with others. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

Why do you think John describes Jesus as light?

TRY ONE THING

Think of someone who might feel alone. With a grown-up, send them a note or give them a call.

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

Liturgy Office calendar

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