

December 13, 2020

Advent 3 | Call him “Jesus” the Light of the World

Getting Ready

Good morning boys and girls, and welcome to Children’s Chapel. I am glad that you are here and that we are together with Jesus.

As we get ourselves ready for this time together, let us sit quietly in our sacred spaces and light our candles.

First, we light the Christ candle and as we light it, let us remember that Jesus is the light of the world and that God sent Jesus to teach us all about God and how much God loves us. Next, we light the three smaller candles that represent all of us here as we sit at the feet of Jesus.

In my sacred space, I also have a cross that reminds me that Jesus died for us so that we can experience life with God forever. I also have 3 prayer rocks here that help me to focus on my time with Jesus.

And now that we are ready, we can begin today’s teaching.

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Theme

Jesus is the one true light. We are his witnesses.

Object

Christmas lights or pictures of scenes decorated with Christmas lights.

Scripture

John 1:6-8

“There came 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.”

Teaching

Our Gospel reading for today tells us that God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell others about the light so that everyone would believe in the light. John wasn't the light; he only came to tell others about the light. Who was the light that John came to tell people about? That's right, it was Jesus - the one true light, who gives light to everyone.

There is a song by _____ that tells about that light, and it's called "The Light of the World Is Jesus."

*The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
Like sunshine at noonday,
His glory shone in,
The Light of the world is Jesus!*

*Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me.
Once I was blind, but now I can see:
The Light of the world is Jesus.*

At this time of year, we see lights everywhere that remind us of the coming of that true Light that John told others about. There are trees adorned with lights, streets that are lined with lights, homes and businesses are outlined with lights. One of the favorite activities of the season is to drive around and look at all of the beautiful lights. And each Sunday of the Advent season, we light candles on the Advent wreath.

I wonder how many of us remember that the lights of this season are a symbol of the one true Light, Jesus, who brought light into the darkness of this world? As we light the candles on our advent wreath, the four candles remind us that Jesus brings hope, love, joy, and peace into the world. It is true, "The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin, the Light of the world is Jesus!"

Prayer

O God, this morning as we think about all the Christmas lights that bring us joy and wonder, help us to remember that Jesus is the light of the world and that like John, we are called to spread that light to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Closing

In the name of the Father, son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

How can you show the face of Jesus, the light that Jesus is to our world?

Look up Matthew 28:19-20.