

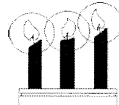




# Getting ready for Christmas



Do you think what's happening in the pictures will make Jesus Happy or Sad? Put a smile  on what will make Jesus happy. Put a sad mouth  on what will make Jesus sad.




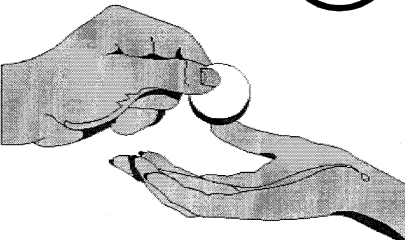
## The Third Sunday of Advent 17 December, 2023

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

Heavenly Father, this is such a beautiful time of the year. As we enjoy the lights of Christmas, we give thanks for your Son, the light of the world. **Amen**

Give money for the poor or to the church 




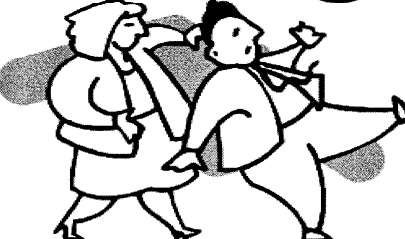
Sing and play Christmas hymns and music. 



Read the Bible or listen to Bible Stories 



Push people so you can be the first in line. 



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The people walking in  
**DARKNESS** have  
 seen a  
*great light.*

Isaiah 9:2

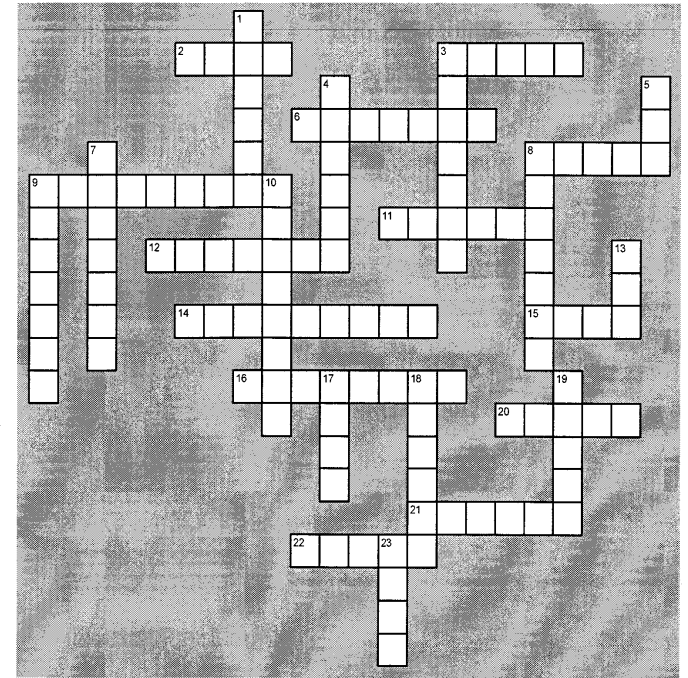


Jesus is the light of the world!

## Crossword: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.  
 Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

- 13 down) \_\_\_ sent a man named John, who came to tell
- 15 across) about the light and to \_\_\_ all people to
- 22 across) have \_\_\_\_\_. John wasn't that light. He came
- 3 across) only to tell about the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 down) The Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem sent priests
- 4 down) and \_\_\_\_\_ helpers to ask John who he was.
- 6 across) He told them plainly, "I am not the \_\_\_\_\_."
- 18 down) Then when they asked him if he were \_\_\_\_\_,
- 2 across) he said, "No, I am not!" And \_\_\_\_\_ they asked
- 17 down) if he \_\_\_\_\_ the Prophet, he also said "No!"
- 8 down) \_\_\_\_\_, they said, "Who are you then? We \_\_\_\_\_"
- 21 across) have to give an \_\_\_\_\_ to the ones who sent
- 23 down) us. \_\_\_\_\_ us who you are!"
- 16 across) John \_\_\_\_\_ in the words of the prophet
- 10 down) Isaiah, "I am only someone \_\_\_\_\_ in the
- 20 across) desert, 'Get the road \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord!'"
- 9 across) Some \_\_\_\_\_ had also been sent to John.
- 1 down) They asked him, "Why are you baptizing \_\_\_\_\_."



- 5 down) if you are \_\_\_\_\_ the Messiah or Elijah or 9 down) the \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 19 down) John told them, "I use \_\_\_\_\_ to baptize
- 12 across) people. But here with you is \_\_\_\_\_ you
- 8 across) don't know. Even though I came \_\_\_\_\_,
- 7 down) I am not good enough to untie his \_\_\_\_\_."
- 14 across) John said this as he was \_\_\_\_\_ east of
- 11 across) the \_\_\_\_\_ River in Bethany.



# Word Search: John 1:6-8,19-28 (CEV)

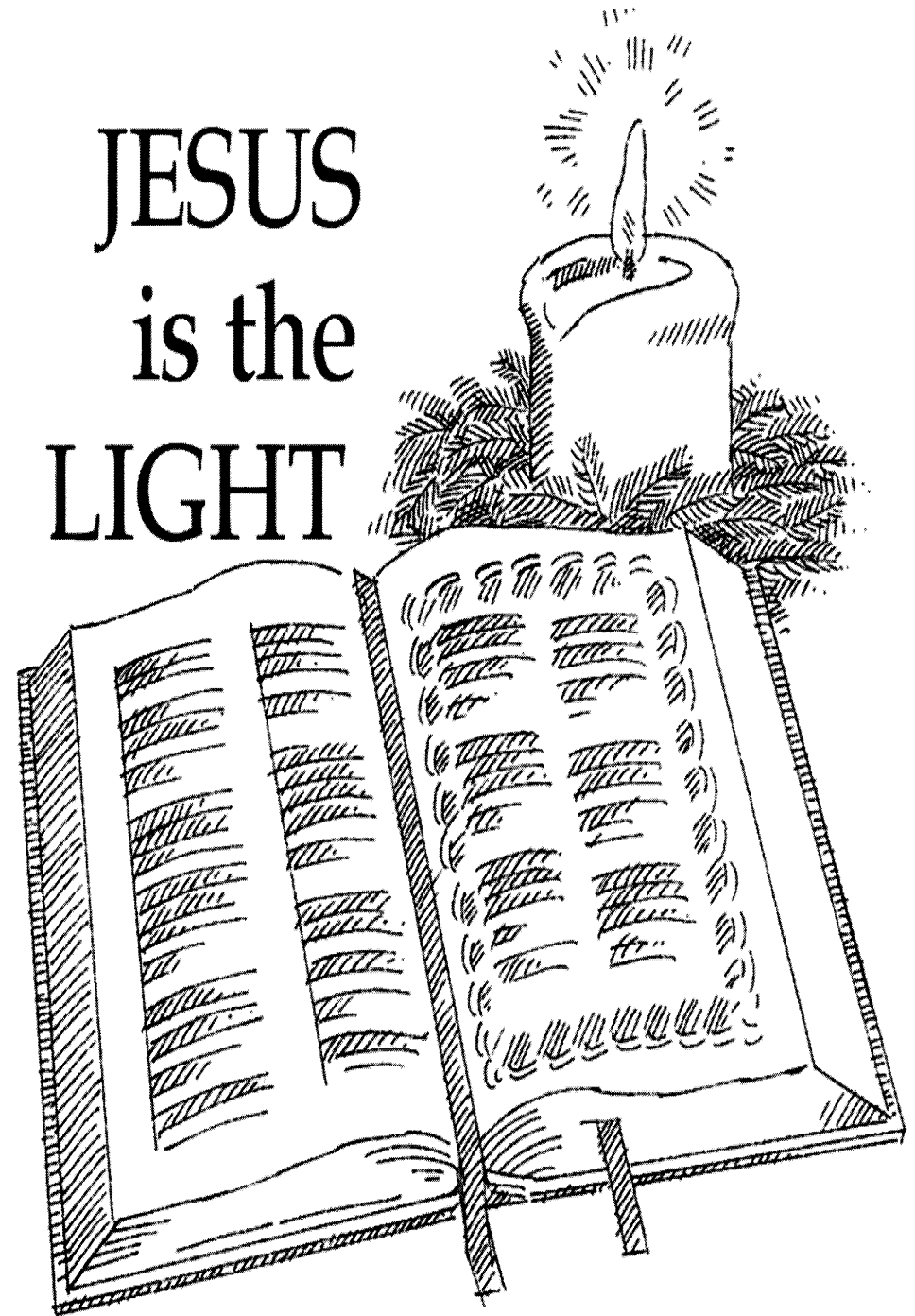
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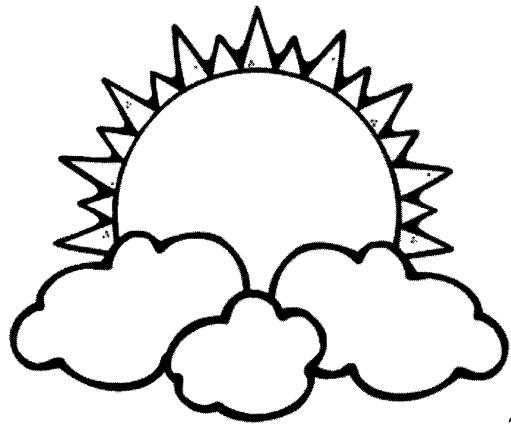
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| TEMPLE  | MESSIAH   | ELIJAH | WHEN     | WERE      |
| FINALLY | ANSWER    | TELL   | ANSWERED | SHOUTING  |
| READY   | PHARISEES | PEOPLE | NOT      | PROPHET   |
| WATER   | SOMEONE   | FIRST  | SANDALS  | BAPTIZING |
| JORDAN  |           |        |          |           |

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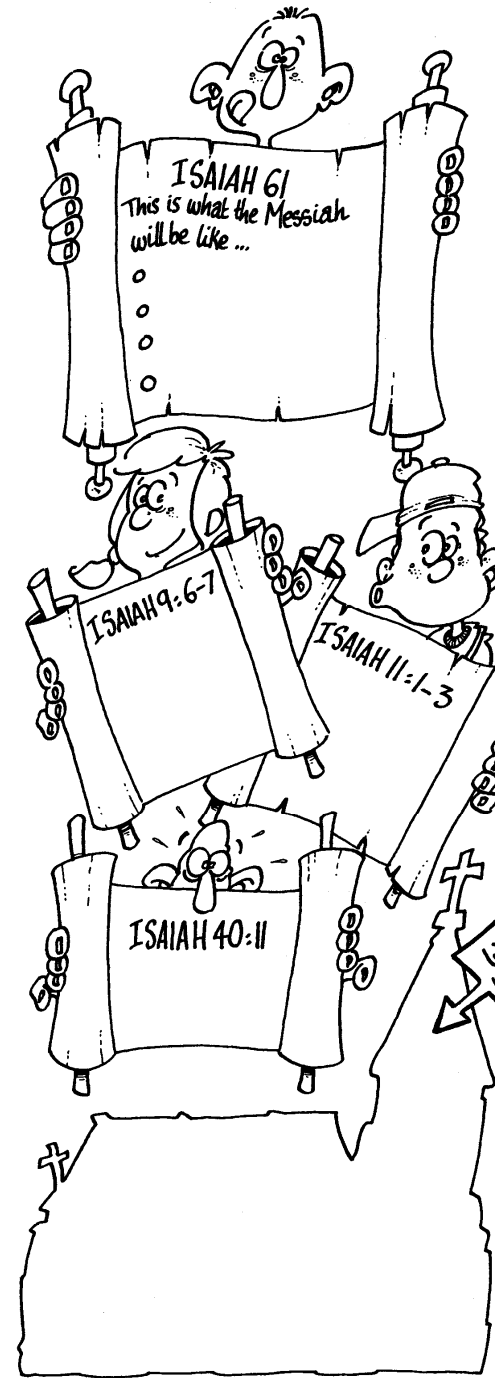


# JESUS is the LIGHT





We are not the light, we are only mirrors that reflect the Light.  
John 1:6-9



**MESSIAH IS COMING!**  
**WHAT DOES 'MESSIAH' MEAN?**  
It means God's anointed one, chosen and set apart to save the people.  
**WHAT LANGUAGE IS IT?**  
Hebrew. The Greek word for Messiah is 'Christ'.  
**HOW DID THE PEOPLE KNOW THE MESSIAH WOULD COME?**  
The prophets spoke out what God wanted to say, and they kept telling the hope of this promised Messiah.

HOW DOES OUR CHURCH MATCH UP? HOW CHRIST-LIKE ARE WE?

WHAT SIGNS CAN WE EXPECT TO SEE IN A CHURCH OF CHRIST-FOLLOWERS?



WITH ALL MY HEART I PRAISE THE LORD AND I AM GLAD BECAUSE OF GOD MY SAVIOUR. HE HELPS HIS SERVANT ISRAEL AND IS ALWAYS MERCIFUL TO HIS PEOPLE. THE LORD MADE THIS PROMISE TO OUR ANCESTORS; TO ABRAHAM AND HIS FAMILY FOR EVER.  
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