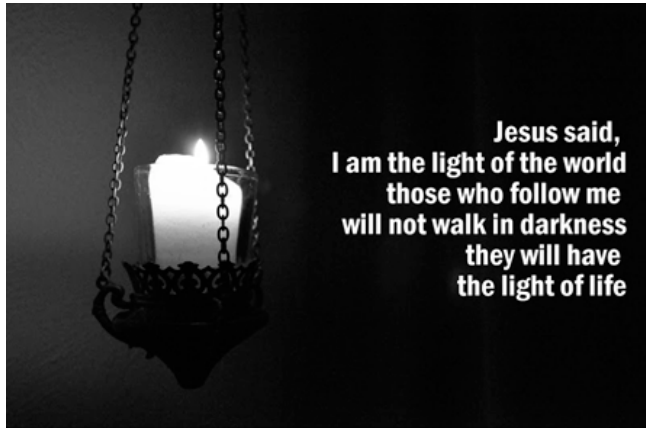


## Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
we believe that you are the Light of the World,  
our light and our salvation.  
Help us always to welcome  
your light into our lives  
and live as children of the light.  
Amen.



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## Getting to know Jesus Christ



### *4. I am the Light of the World*

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# *I am the Light of the World*

John 8:12

## **Introduction**

The imagery of light is present throughout the Bible, from the first to the last book. In the Book of Genesis we read that God spoke the words 'Let there be light' and then there was light. Natural, or created, light is so precious we need it in order to live. Scripture also reveals that God is Light, reminding us that spiritually our life also depends upon Light.

## **Reflecting on Our Experience**

Imagine what life would be like without natural light. Have you ever had to struggle on trying to do something with little or no light. What was that like? Have you ever experienced God enlightening you in some way? How have you experienced God as Light in your life?

## **Listening to Scripture**

Choose one or more of the following Scripture passages to read and reflect on.

Isaiah 9:1-6 — *The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light*

Psalms 27 — *The Lord is my light and salvation*

John 8:12 — *I am the Light of the World*

John 3:16-21 — *Jesus talks with Nicodemus*

Ephesians 5:7-14 — *Live as children of light*

1 John 1:5-7 — *Living in God's light*

## **Reflecting and Sharing**

Jesus is the Light of the World, shining in the darkness of this world bringing hope and new life. His light overcomes the darkness of sin, evil and unbelief. Jesus Christ truly is the light that the darkness can never overcome. At the Easter Vigil we celebrate God's triumph of light over darkness, life over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*We now listen to a personal faith sharing where a catechist shares how they have known Jesus as the Light of the World in their life.*

- How does this image of Jesus as the Light of the World speak to you in your life?
- In what ways are you aware of God drawing you to his light and illuminating you?
- How faithfully do you live a life of integrity and goodness, a life that is 'in the light'?
- Which words, images or promises from the Scripture passage/s particularly spoke to your heart?

*Spend some time sharing your reflections as a group.*

