

We Are Followers of Jesus

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WE GATHER

✝ **Leader:** Let us listen to the Word of God.

 **John 8:12**

Read Along

One day Jesus was talking to a crowd. He said to them, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Walk in the Light


Jesus is the Light for all:
Walk, walk in the light!
We follow him as we hear
his call.

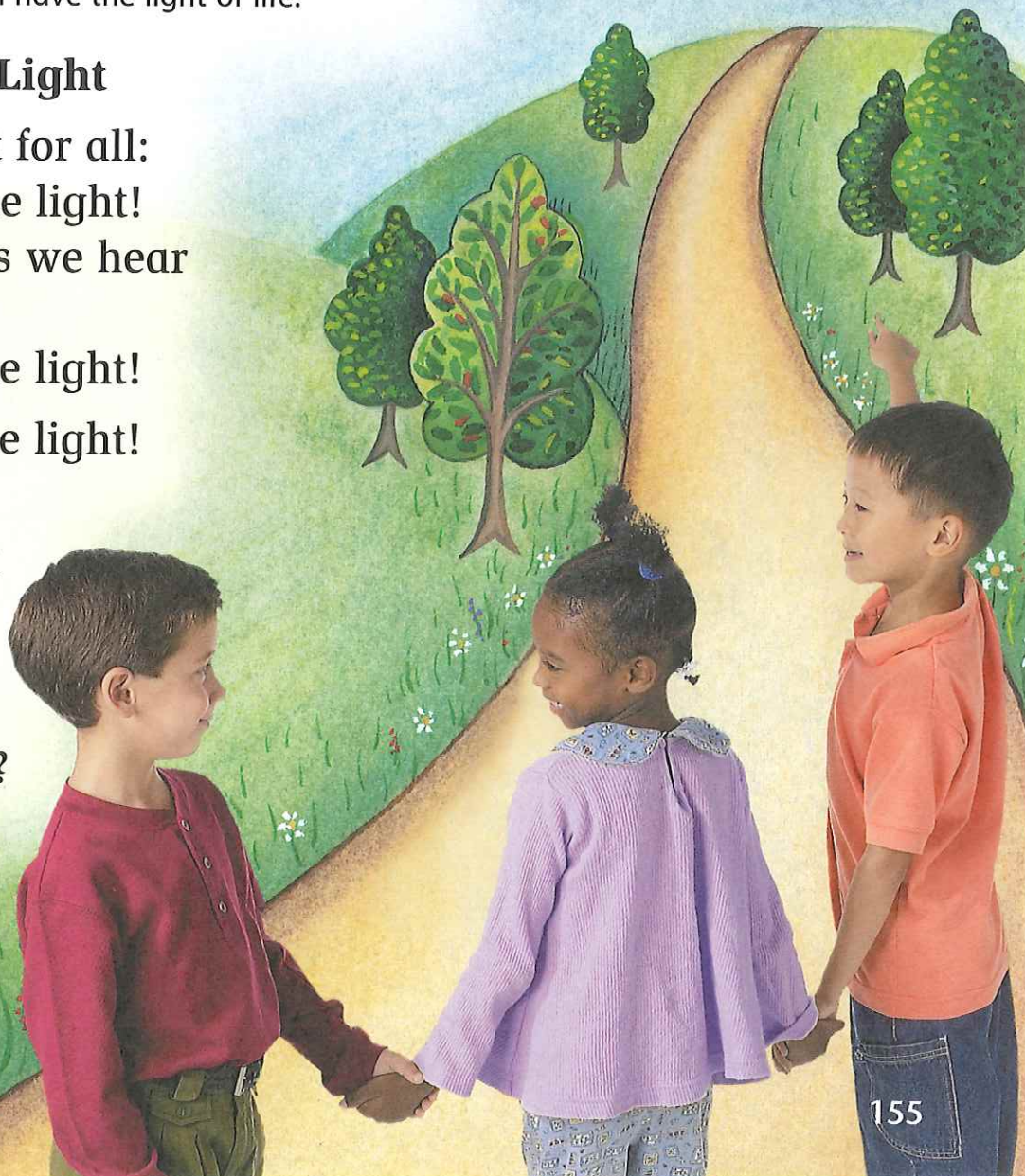
Walk, walk in the light!

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(Sing 3 times.)

Walk in the light
of the Lord!

 **How does
light help us?**



WE BELIEVE

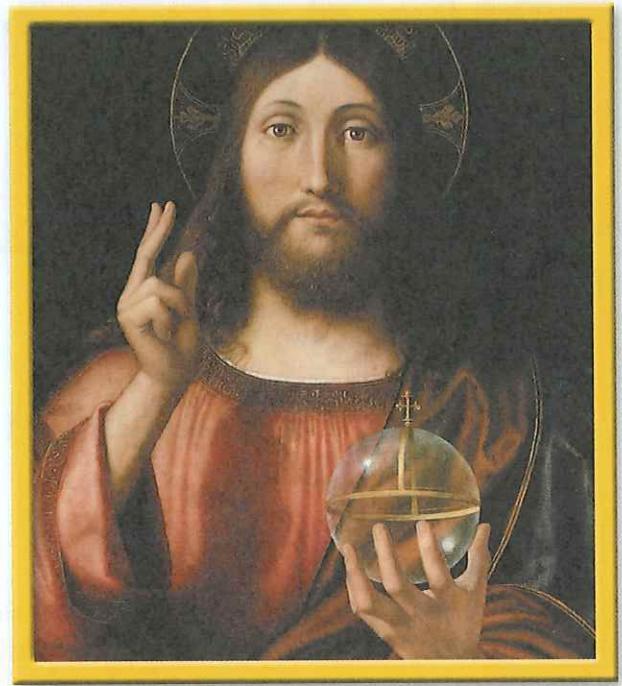
Jesus is the Light of the World.


Read Along

"Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)

We believe that Jesus is the Light of the World. He helps us to see what God's love is like. He shares God's life with us.

Jesus wants us to follow him. If we follow him, we will have life with God.



 Draw a picture to show that Jesus is the Light of the World.

We receive the light of Christ.


When we are baptized, we receive the light of Christ. We are told to “walk always as children of the light.”

As children of the light we:

- believe in Jesus
- act as Jesus wants us to
- love one another.

We show others the light of Christ when we:

- help our family and friends
- share what we have with others
- care about the ways others feel.

 Talk about ways the people in the photos are sharing the light of Christ.



Jesus asks us to share his peace.

Jesus wanted his followers to be at peace. He wanted them to live in God's love. He wanted them to show love for one another.



Matthew 5:1, 9

Read Along

One day Jesus went up a mountain. There he spoke to many people. He told them: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Jesus wants us to work for peace. A person who works for peace is a **peacemaker**.

We are peacemakers when we say and do kind things for others. We work for peace when we try to get along with all people.



Act out one way you can share peace with one another.



peacemaker a person who works for peace

As Catholics...

Giuseppe Sarto was born in Italy. When he was growing up, he tried to be kind to all people.

He studied and became a priest. Years later he was chosen to be the pope. He was called Pope Pius X. Pope Pius X heard that many countries were going to have a war. He tried to be a peacemaker. He met with the leaders of these countries. He tried to stop them from fighting. Pope Pius X wanted all countries to get along.

Who are other people in our world who work for peace?




We can make choices as children of God.

God loves us very much. We are different from the rest of his creation. We are special. We can make choices.

Sometimes we make choices without even thinking about them. But God wants us to think about the things we say and do.

God asks us to choose to love him and others. He wants us to choose to do what Jesus taught us.

WE RESPOND

 You want to use your sister's book. Circle the loving choice.

- You choose to ask your sister.
- You choose to just take the book.

Talk about what you think. Is it always easy to make loving choices?



PROJECT

Show What *you* Know

Who is a person who works for peace?



Picture This

On the candle write three ways that you can share the light of Christ.

DISCIPLE



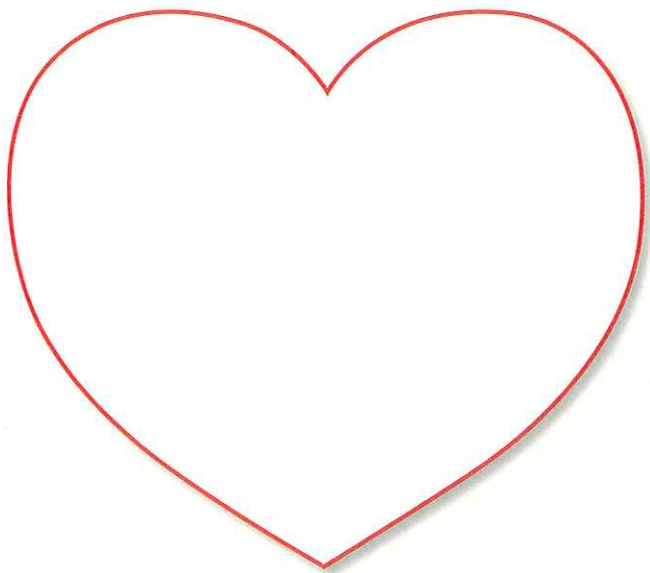
What Would *you* do?

William and Rebecca are arguing in the playground. What could you do as a peacemaker? Add yourself to the picture.



More *to* Explore

Work with a friend. Who is a peacemaker in the world today? Write the person's name or draw a picture of the person in the heart.



Take Home

People all over the world gather to share Jesus' light by praying together. Sometimes people hold candles or other kinds of lights as they pray. Try this with your family. Gather together to pray. Use candles or other lights. As you pray, remember that Jesus is the Light of the World.

CHAPTER TEST

Circle the correct answer.

1. Is Jesus the Light of the World?

Yes

No

2. Do we show others the light of Christ when we tell lies?

Yes

No

3. Are we peacemakers when we fight?

Yes

No

4. Can we make choices to love God and others?

Yes

No

5. Do we receive the light of Christ at Baptism?

Yes

No



Talk about ways we can work for peace at home, in school, and in our neighborhoods.