

Third Sunday of the Advent

Testify to the True Light.

Children's liturgy activity December 13th , 2020



VERSE OF THE WEEK

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior”
- Luke 1:46-47



Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

In the gospel today, we see the testimony of John the Baptist confirming who he is? He was baptizing in the river Jordan at Bethany when the priests and Levites asked, 'who he was?' John witnessed to his true self. He did not add up anything to his mission other than what he was sent by God. He testified that he was not Christ, not Elijah, nor a prophet. Then they asked him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" John said: I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'* as Isaiah the prophet said."

They asked him 'why then do you Baptize?' John humbled himself and witnessed in truth that, he baptizes in water; for repentance; to prepare the hearts of everyone to receive the true light- the real one who is coming and is standing among you whom you do not recognize. He is the true light and is great than him that he is unworthy even to untie his sandal strap. This was the mission of John: JOHN WAS SENT FROM GOD. HE CAME FOR TESTIMONY, TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT ALL MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM. HE WAS NOT THE LIGHT BUT CAME TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT.

WHAT IS THE TRUE LIGHT? WHY DID JOHN WITNESS FOR THE TRUE LIGHT?

Jesus is the light of the world who put off the darkness of sin covering the world. We are the Children of God through Baptism in Jesus. We have received the true light- Jesus into us, making us the children of light.

SO, WHAT IS OUR MISSION? WHAT SHOULD WE WITNESS TO?

We must let Jesus Shine in our life; putting out our darkness and spreading His light to all around us so that everyone will know and believe in Jesus and are saved. For this We must let Jesus increase in us. We must be like John the Baptist, who witnessed for what he was sent by God. We must put off all our own missions and witness only for the true light. How can we do this? Increase in Jesus- the light, by doing only what He says.

Let us look what John the Baptist did? He humbled himself, witnessing and preparing all to receive Jesus. What did Mary our Mother do? Mary Said, 'my soul magnifies the lord, my spirit rejoices in lord our savior'. She humbled herself for Jesus and magnified and rejoiced in His presence. Let us live magnifying Jesus- doing everything as Jesus-the true light- is showing us to do in our life. We are the Children of God- the children of light, let us witness the true Light by our life. We are not the light but bearers of Light 'Jesus'- allow him to shine through us.

**MAGNIFY JESUS BY OUR SOUL.
LET HIS LIGHT SHINE OUT**

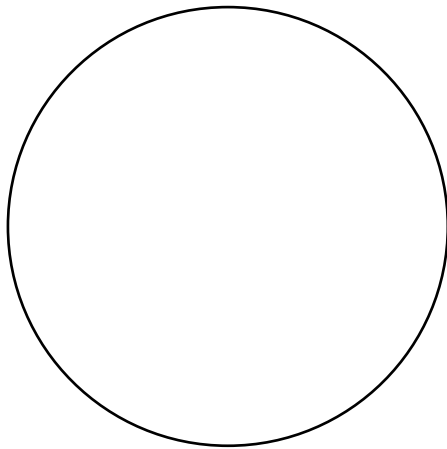
Materials needed:

- Clear Plastic Cups
- Paper template cut out
- Colouring pens
- Scissors
- sticky tape
- LED Tea Light

Method:

1. Cut out the given templates.
2. Draw a face for you in the face template and stick it on the bottom edge of the inverted cup.
3. Stick the Jesus template wrapping around the inverted cup as shown in the picture.
4. Switch on and Place the LED tea light in the cup.

Face template

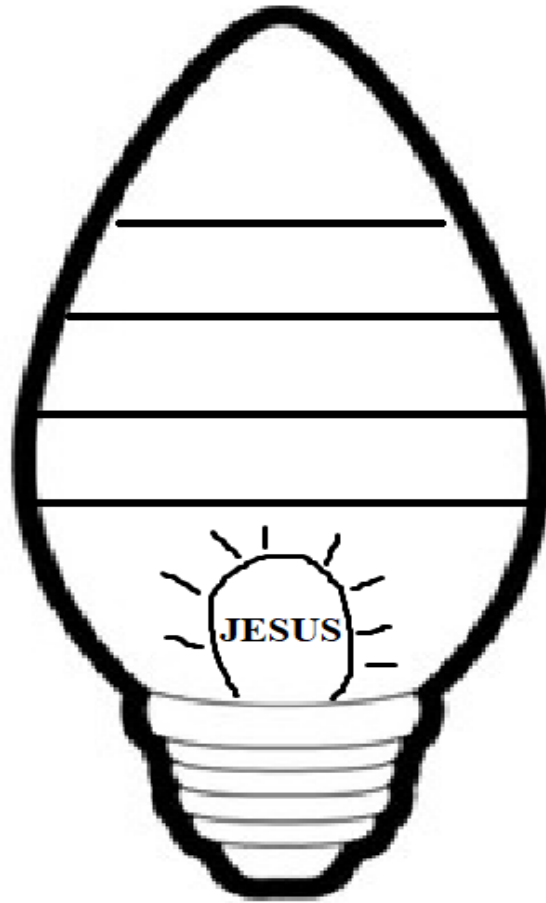


JESUS

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TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT.

(let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light- Romans 13:12)



WRITE DOWN FEW WAYS THAT
YOU CAN TESTIFY TO LIGHT?

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WORD OF GOD.

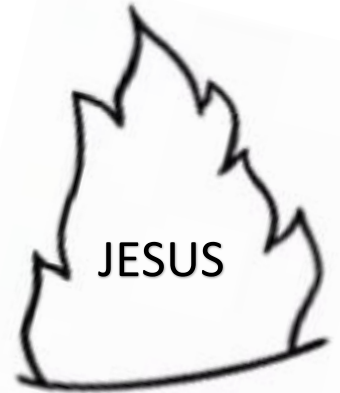
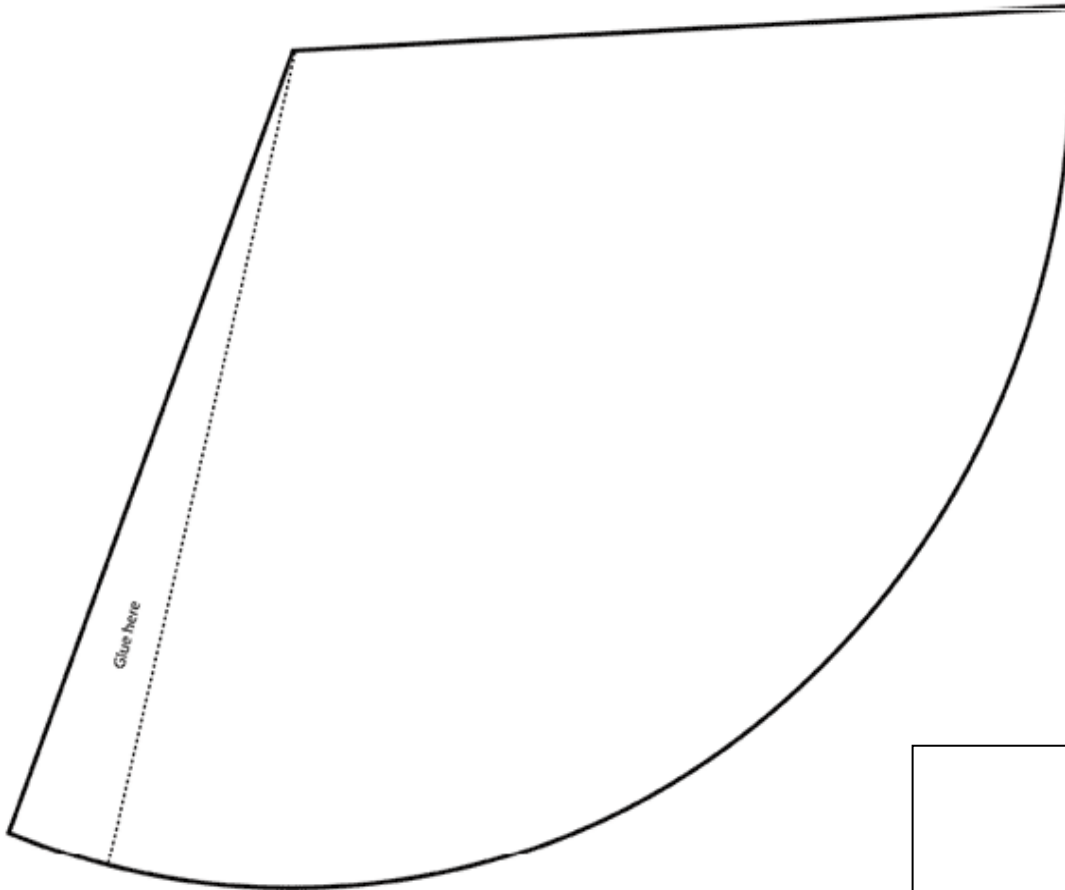
1. Let us then lay aside the works of ----- and put on the armor of ----- (Romans 13:12)

2. God is ----- and in him there is no ----- at all.
(1 John 1:5)

3. "I am the ----- of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in ----- but will have the ----- of life."
(John 8:12)

MAKE A LIGHT BATEN TO TESTIFY JESUS

CUT OUT AND COLOUR THE TEMPLATE. GLUE AS LABELED TO MAKE A CONE.
CUT OUT AND COLOUR THE FLAME. STICK IT ON THE BATEN. DECORATE YOUR LIGHT BATEN.



TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Gaudete Sunday: Gaudete means 'Rejoice'
WE LIGHT THE ROSE CANDLE OF JOY
Let us rejoice in the coming of our Lord Jesus



Let us Pray,

Dear Loving Father in Heaven, we thank you for sending us your son Jesus- the true light and putting off the darkness of the world due to sin. Help us to understand that we are the Children of light through Jesus who is living inside us. Give us grace to live witnessing Jesus and testifying to him by humbling ourselves. Train us to allow Jesus' light to shine through us, by doing your will at all time. We pray for your children who are living for Jesus, letting his light shine amidst all challenges. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.