

“In the beginning was the Word...and the word became flesh.”

JOHN 1:1 and 14

In the beginning God spoke a creative “word” and all that we know – oceans, birds, trees, stars, and humans – came into existence. God’s “word” created everything from the tiny amoeba to the vast universe. Like the Psalmist, my response to this vast cosmic image is: “When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are we human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:3) But read more carefully. That word or *logos* was “with God.” That “word was God.” John’s version of the Good News begins with this vast cosmic image created by God’s word. And here’s the best part, “The Word became flesh and lived among us” (John 1:14). That word that was in the beginning creating everything has come in human form to live with us humans to demonstrate how much God cares for and loves us. A little boy invited his friend to come to Sunday School with him. After class, the boy’s friend asked who Jesus really was. “Well, Jesus is God with flesh on.” The same God whose vast creation staggers our imagination enters into the creation as a human being in Jesus. And the God who said “let there be light” (Genesis 1:3) is also in Jesus the “true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world” (John 1:9). May this living Word be a light to our paths!

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever been lost in the dark (figuratively or literally)?
- Who has been God’s light for you?

Family Activity:

Take turns being blindfolded and told to find an object or room in the house without help. How difficult is it? Now remove the blindfold and do the task. We falter when we can’t see what we are doing or where we are going. However, with Jesus as our light, we aren’t in the darkness anymore and all things are possible.

Teenage Activity:

Take a walk after dark and pay attention to your thoughts and feelings. Turn on your flashlight (light of smart/cell phone) and notice how the light changes everything. With the help of the light, write down the ways Christ gives direction to your life. (You can use the Evernote app to do so.)

Adult Activity:

Think of a dark or confusing place in your life where you need the light of Christ and invite a trusted Christian friend to help you find your way.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for being my dependable light in this world. Help me to follow you and not stumble in the darkness over...