

Key Points

Know What:

- Today we are starting our advent theme on Light. Advent is a time when we get ready for Christmas and remember that Jesus promised to return.
- Christmas and Advent are full of lights. From candles to fairy lights, people put lights everywhere to celebrate light at Christmas.
- In the Old Testament God promised that he would send help for his people. One of the most famous of these promises is in Isaiah 9.
- In the promise God's people are told that darkness will be overcome by light and war will be replaced by peace. The last promise is that a child will be born who will be a Good King.

So What:

- God makes promises and these promises come true.
- Light is stronger than dark. God promises to shine light into our lives.

Now What:

- Let's start getting ready for Christmas.
- Let's focus on God's light and goodness, remembering God's light every time we see candles, stars and other Christmas lights.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Before those people lived in darkness,
but now they have seen a great light.

They lived in a dark land,
but a light has shined on them.

³ God, you have caused the nation to grow
and made the people happy.

And they have shown their happiness to you,
like the joy during harvest time,
like the joy of people
taking what they have won in war.

⁴ Like the time you defeated Midian,
you have taken away their heavy load
and the heavy pole from their backs
and the rod the enemy used to punish them.

⁵ Every boot that marched in battle
and every uniform stained with blood
has been thrown into the fire.

⁶ A child has been born to us;
God has given a son to us.

He will be responsible for leading the people.
His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God,
Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Power and peace will be in his kingdom
and will continue to grow forever.

He will rule as king on David's throne
and over David's kingdom.

He will make it strong
by ruling with justice and goodness
from now on and forever.

The LORD All-Powerful will do this
because of his strong love for his people.

Welcome to
FOUNDATION CAFÉ SERVICE

**Seeing the Light
Out of the Darkness**

O Come all ye Faithful

O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens
Of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Advent Wreath



Light House

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise.
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore
Safe to shore

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise.
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, Safe to shore
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Allelu

Allelu, allelu, allelu alleluia
We'll praise the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleuia
We'll praise the Lord!

We'll praise Lord! Alleluia

We'll praise Lord! Alleluia

We'll praise Lord! Alleluia

We'll praise Lord!

Isaiah 9:2-7



So what does the story mean?

- What's stronger – dark or light?
- Do you recognise any of the names of the child in the story?
- Who do you think the baby is?

Craft



Key Verse

I am the light of the world.

John 8:12

My God is So Big

My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty
There's nothing that He cannot do
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty
There's nothing that He cannot do

The rivers are His,
the mountains are His
The stars are His handiwork too
My God is so big,
so strong and so mighty
There's nothing that He cannot do

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours,
Now and forever,
Amen.

Let's Pray



This Little Light

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine.

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit be with us all,
for evermore.

Amen

Notices

- Pick a book!
- Next week –Services next week – Foundation, 9:31, Ignite and Roots.
- Ask if you want someone to pray with you.
 - Fairtrade Advent Calendars.
 - St Nicholas Fair on Fun Night!