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Tree-lighting prayers for each day of this week.



SUNDAY: God, we thank you for sending us your Son, our Christmas LIGHT. The tiny baby in the manger came to bring joy to the world. Help us spread that joy in all we do and say. Amen

MONDAY: God, as we recall the special joy of yesterday, we promise to fill our days with gifts of special love to keep the LIGHT of Jesus' love burning for one another. Amen

TUESDAY: God, our tree shimmers with sparkling lights. May our hearts shimmer with the true LIGHT that is Jesus. And may we, like him, become beacons of truth for all. Amen

WEDNESDAY: God, as we continue to enjoy our gifts of love, we remember the greatest love-gift of all — Jesus, the LIGHT of our world. Help us always to live in his peace. Amen

THURSDAY: God, as we write our thank-you notes for the gifts we received this year, may we not forget to thank you for your great gift of forgiveness through Jesus. Amen

FRIDAY: God, we thank you for choosing Mary to be the mother of your Son and our mother too. When we begin to drift from the LIGHT of Jesus, she will help to guide us back. Amen

SATURDAY: God, our tree will soon come down, but the LIGHT of Jesus shines eternal. May we bring his LIGHT to others, let it warm our own hearts, and turn toward it when darkness comes. Amen

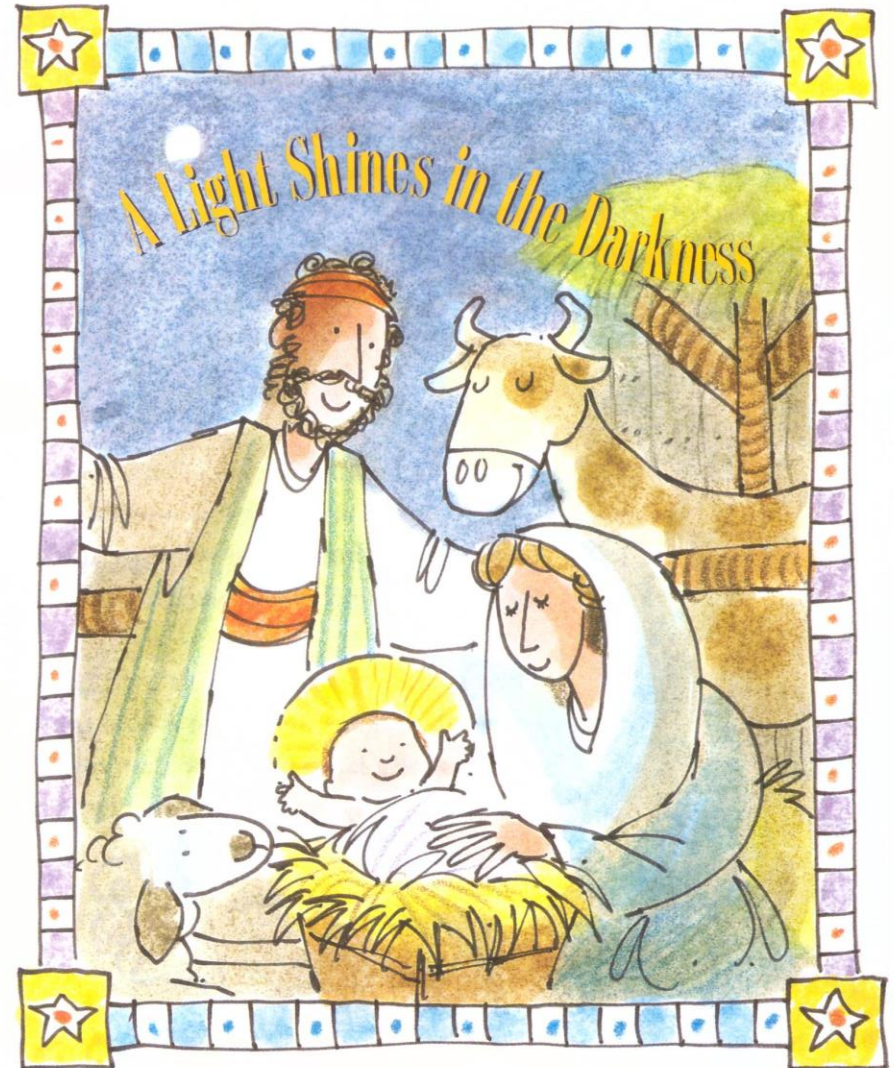


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Answer to "A Name for Jesus": THE FATHER'S ONLY SON



explaining GOD'S WORD

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Light in Darkness

When the light goes out at bedtime and the moonlight shines into his room, Jaimie feels a tiny bit frightened of the shadows that lurk in the gloom.

Then Mother turns on Jaimie's night light, and all the strange shadows disappear. Instead of old ghosts and goblins, he sees toys he has played with all year.

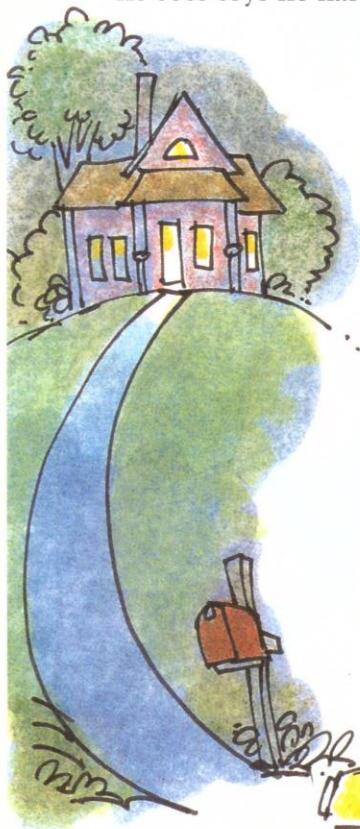


A light in the darkness brings comfort and drives away nighttime fears.

A lamp in the window says, "Welcome home, the people who love you are here."

Jesus is the Light that came into our world to brighten the darkness of sin.

Open your heart to receive God's love and the Light of Jesus will shine in.



When coming home from a long, long trip with Grandma and Grandpa one dark night, Jaimie looked out the car window and cried, for his home and family were nowhere in sight.

Then suddenly Jaimie saw his own house, and in the window, just like an old friend, the glow of a lamp lit up the dark night, and welcomed Jaimie at his journey's end.



A Name for Jesus

In this week's gospel story, John calls Jesus a Light for our world. Use the letter key to decode the message to see what else John calls Jesus.

10 4 2 3 1 10 4 2 8 9

7 6 5 11 9 7 6.

KEY

1=A; 2=E; 3=F; 4=H; 5=L; 6=N;
7=O; 8=R; 9=S; 10=T; 11=Y.