

Children's Church at Home 7 February 2021

Word becomes flesh. John 1:1-14

Craft ingredients: a big plastic bag, scissors, sellotape, card, pens, pritt stick, scraps of fabric and / or wool, ribbon or string.

First: do you like to have a light on at night? Maybe a little light outside your room and your door slightly ajar? If you lie very still at night what can you hear? Even if its dark and quiet, you can still feel your duvet tucked up round you, can't you? if you feel your cheeks, your hair, your chin, are they still there in the dark?

Story: John 1:1-14

[John 1:1-14 ERV - Christ Comes to the World - Before the - Bible Gateway](#)

Video: <https://youtu.be/qzEa81HYfKY>

Think: This is quite a tricky bit to understand. Read through again and let's have a think. If the Word is a person (hint hint!!) who could it be? And who is the person called John? Is this all about a story that we know very well? The start sounds a bit like the beginning of *Genesis*:

[Genesis 1:1-5 ERV - The Beginning of the World - God - Bible Gateway](#) we hear about darkness and God creating light there too. But then it goes on to talk about how powerful the light is, because the darkness couldn't overcome it.

John comes along and he's not the light but he's there to let people know about the light. (Who's the light, do you think? The same as the Word?) then along comes the true light. And people who believe get to be part of his family (does that remind you of when we talked about baptism at all?) and some people don't want anything to do with him.

Well, if you've guessed who this is all about, you'll know that this is exactly what happened to that person. And it got very nasty at the end. But we'll keep that for later. For the moment, let's think about how brilliant he is and that he is God's only son and full of wonderfulness and truth!

And when we celebrated Christmas, we were celebrating the arrival of that person, as a poor baby, in a stable. (You *must* have got it now!!) and that was God's son, the Word 'incarnate', which means, made into a real human. Of course, we know he wasn't an ordinary baby, and last week we heard about Simeon and Anna who realized that straight away.

Craft: make a disguise.

Activity: make a wordsearch and send it to Rev Jon for us all to try! Use words from our Bible reading today, like word, light, darkness and so on.

Prayer: Dear God, it's truly amazing that you decided to send us your brilliant son to live with us, teach us, and love us. Thank you so much! Help us to understand the tricky bits in the Bible and show us how to be really good Christians, part of your family, and truly believing in you. please take care of our families and friends and bless all the people we'd love to hug now and can't. Amen.

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