

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
JOHN 3:14-21**

Jesus patiently prepares his followers for what is to come. Jesus is to be “lifted up” so that he may then lift up all of us. The light has come into the world – a light some will seek at all costs.

For others, the darkness is preferable to the penetrating brightness of the light. God reaches out to all of us, sending the Son into the world so that all might be saved through him. We do not know what the disciples made of this revelation. Our concern is what we make of it and what realignment we may be called to make.

## COME TO THE LIGHT

### The Story

Jesus is trying to help the people understand that God loves us – all of us. And God wants us to be sure we know we are loved by God. That is why God sent me, says Jesus. Now that you hear me telling you that God loves you -- you will know it is true. We will also know that God is not just sitting there waiting for us to get in trouble. God wants to help us stay out of trouble. Listen to what Jesus said: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” God loves us so much that he gave us Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world for us to follow.

### Reflection Questions:

#### Young Children

- Jesus talks about darkness. Who likes to be in the dark?

#### Older Children

What is Jesus telling the people when he says, “the Son of Man must be lifted up?”

- What happens when we do “what is true” – when we choose to follow Jesus?
- I wonder where you see light or Jesus’ love in the world today?

## ACTIVITIES

1. Write a journal entry to describe the brightest place you know.
2. Take a hike in the dark with a flashlight and shine on the darkest spaces.
3. Compose prayer to ask God to protect you from the darkness .