



*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*

December 13, 2020

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28



*Third Sunday of Advent*

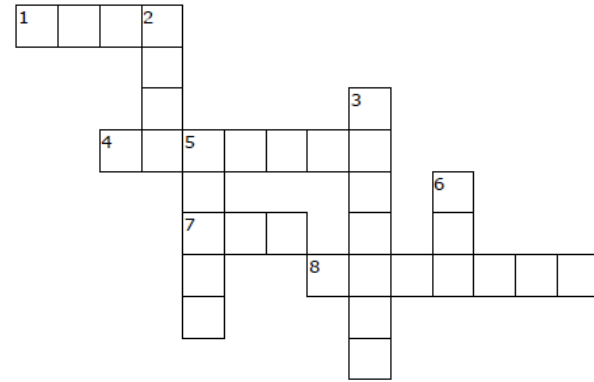
Helloooo friends! Is it Christmas yet? NO! We are still waiting. Today is our third Sunday in Advent and we light our pink candle which represents joy. What are some things that bring you joy? Joy is found deep within our hearts when we remember that Jesus lives there, love lives there, and God is always with us.

Today, our Gospel lesson from John talks about light. Try this experiment at home. Ask a family member to hold up a mirror. Now, take a flashlight and point it towards the mirror. See how the light reflects off of them and bounces back? Is your family member the light? NO! But, using the mirror, they become a reflection of that light. What happens if you put something between the light and the mirror? How about if you turn the mirror away from the light? No reflection!

John's Gospel tells us that "There was a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light: he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." Who do you think the true light is that was coming into the world? That is right! It was Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world. The Bible says that we are to let our light shine, but we need to remember that "Our Light" is Jesus. We are not the light, we are just mirrors that reflect his light. If we are going to reflect the light of Jesus, we must remember a couple of things: 1. We must keep our faces turned toward Jesus. 2. We must not let anything come between us and Jesus. When we remember those two things, we will reflect Jesus' light to the entire world.

God of all, may the joy and the light of Jesus shine from our hearts so that the world can know your love. Amen.

*Crossword Puzzle*



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1. The man sent from God to tell about Jesus (John 1:6)
4. To have confidence that something is true (John 1:7)
7. The creator of heaven and earth (John 1:6)
8. A person who has personal knowledge of something (John 1:8)

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2. What a person, place, or thing is called (John 1:6)
3. To tell others about what you have seen or heard (John 1:7)
5. Something such as the sun, a flashlight, or lamp that allows you to see (John 1:8)
6. An adult male person (John 1:6)

BELIEVE JOHN	MAN WITNESS	TESTIFY GOD	LIGHT NAME
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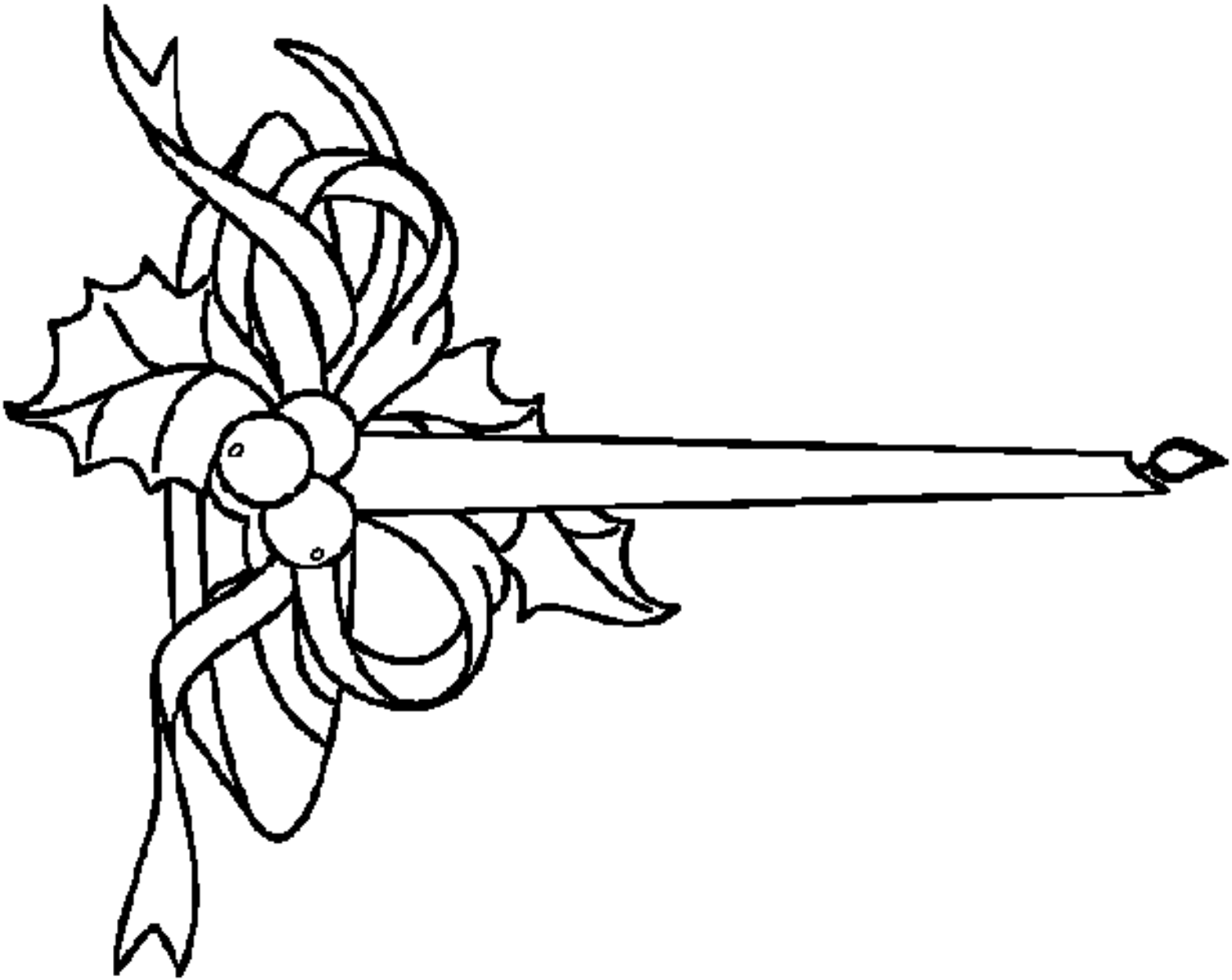
**Activity:** Take turns with the above activity using the mirror and the flashlight and then try this using the sun and the mirror.

**Discussion Question:** What brings you joy?

**Family Table Prayer for December:**

God of love you light the way as we journey towards Christ and Christmas Day. Thank you for your Son, presents, and fun, help us to be mindful of all that you have done. Amen.

**December Memory Verse:** Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God.



Jesus is the Light