

## 9.2

## THE LIGHT

Aim - Understand the idea of Jesus as light of the world and to explore the image of light

St. John in his God describes Jesus as the light of the world:

*“a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower.” John 1:5*

*“The Word was the true light  
that enlightens all men” John 1:9*

Light is very important all through the Bible. It is also a word that appears in many other religions. Can you think why?

As Christians we feel close to God when we feel that our lives are full of light. This light helps to guide us through the dark times.

### WRITING TASK.

1. Imagine that you are sitting in darkness. Write about how this feels. What can you hear, smell, sense etc?
2. Imagine that somebody lights a candle. What do you feel like when you see the light?
3. Why do you think LIGHT is such a powerful idea?
4. Sometimes the bad things in the world are compared to darkness. Why is this?

### READ THIS POEM

I do not understand the light,  
although I try.  
It lights my darkness,  
but I am afraid of it.  
Every time I speak of it  
it burns more free.  
It shines through all the shadows.  
It takes the fear from me.  
Till I know its name,  
but this light is only a flicker  
of that great flame  
which burns inside of me.

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### QUESTIONS.

1. What do you think is the great flame in this poem?
2. What might be burning inside the poet?
3. Have you got any dreams or ideas burning inside you? Name one.
4. What things bring light (joy) into your life?
5. Draw a picture, which shows the idea of light entering a person's dark life.