

Kid's Page-January 1, 2023

Bible Reading: John 1:1-14

Wonder: Have you ever gotten a gift but been unsure what it was? Did it happen to you this Christmas? I feel like every year there is *something* I open that I am just unsure what exactly it is. And then, what do you do when that happens? Do you ask the gift giver? Do you ask Alexa or Siri to help you out later? What if they don't know?

In the beginning of the story of Jesus' life from John, we hear that Jesus has been with us as the light from the very beginning—but people had a hard time understanding what the gift of Jesus meant. What does it mean that Jesus is light and life? John tried to tell the people what a gift God's light in Jesus is—but people didn't understand until Jesus came to earth as human to live with them. Then people finally started to get it.

It can still feel tricky and hard sometime to fully appreciate the gift of Jesus in our life. But much like when we get confused about a gift under the tree—we can turn to the Bible and to others who know Jesus to be reminded that from the very beginning Jesus was with us to remind us God loves us and keeps us close just how we are.

Do: The New Year before us is also a gift but one we just cannot know how that gift will turn out. Color the New Year's Coloring sheet on the next page to remember that not knowing what something is going to be can be exciting and fun, especially knowing that God's light is with us and we aren't alone in whatever is to come.

