

# Come and See 2025

## Children: Week 6

### Question 1: Have you ever felt like your heart was warm?

When I always throw my jacket and lots of jackets to the North Pole.

When summer came.

Family, friends and pets, especially my pet bunnies, Sunny and Luna.

I feel like when I get a lot of love and I get lots of kindness, that's when I feel really comfortable, and like my heart feels like warm and nice.

Yeah, because sometimes when your heart feels warm you're just really kind to one another and talking to each other or you just feel really warm in general.

Spending time with people and like sharing jokes and like laughing with each other.

### Question 2: When have you seen someone shine like a light in a dark place/time?

My dad, when he's in the loft.

My friends, sometimes they're very brave and they overcome their fears. I feel like they shine when it's dark.

Jesus.

Once I saw this, it was raining a lot and there was animals on the road and people almost crushed them. But it was raining a lot and this lady helped them, even though was raining a lot. She helped the animals, which is being really good, unlike the people who like almost crushed them.

Jesus Christ when the world was not made.

### Question 3: I wonder why Jesus' followers need God's help or power in their lives?

It's natural for people to get scared but sometimes you just need a bit of help to move on.

Because God is wonderful and amazing as well.

Because if they didn't have God's help or power what would the world be today?

We need God's help and power to like not steer us off in the wrong direction and to like keep to the like route and plan that God has for us.

### Question 4: What does it feel like to shine God's warmth into the world?

It feels like God is saying a big thank you to you for showing others His word and what He has done for us.

Sometimes it feels like you're taking a bit of weight off you and you feel like you need to let it out.

It feels great because it's spreading kindness and awareness.

It feels really nice and even if you only do a little difference it's still actually quite a lot.

### Question 5: What would you say to the world about God?

That he's always there, he's just waiting and watching, see how everybody just helps each other.

God is amazing and he has miracles.

God is a very trustworthy man and you can't just- and if he asks you to do something, don't, even if someone laughs at you, don't stop.

God's an amazing spirit that some people believe in and some people don't.

What I would say is that you should believe in God and that you should respect him because he made the world. If it wasn't for him you might have not been alive.

I would say that God is our saviour and our creator and that he truly loves us no matter what you've done or where you're from.

## New Fire

Hi, it's Charlie again, for the last of our six talks about baptism in our Come and See Lent series for this year. Last week we thought about the breath of life and this week we're going to think about new fire, new fire.

I wonder what you think about when you think of fire. I think about wonderful, big, slightly out of control and scary bonfires. Bonfires where you all gather round and on a dark November night, maybe you get warmth and heat and light. But yes there is that kind of scary element about them as well isn't there, because the fire can spread, but that's a powerful thing about fire - it needs to be looked after.

And course fire, just like water and breath, is another thing that is absolutely essential for human life. It's believed that when humans were able to create fire they began to advance as civilizations because they could cook food and they could also live in colder places.

Now the Bible speaks about the Holy Spirit, as well as being like breath and water, it talks about it also as being like fire. And in fact, when those first disciples of Jesus were gathered together after the resurrection, they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and it said that there were little flames. Here's a flame here. A flame came on top of their head. It said 'divided tongues of flame'.

In fact, if you've ever seen a bishop, you know a bishop has a pointy hat like this. The reason they have a pointy hat is so that they look like a candle. Literally it represents a flame, to say that they are alive in the Holy Spirit and that they are there to spread the Holy Spirit.

And I guess the key thing about fire here with the Holy Spirit is that we're not to keep the flame to ourselves. We are asked by God and Jesus through the Holy Spirit to share that flame, to share that love with others, not simply to hold it to ourselves. To share the warmth with people who are cold or struggling. To share the light with those people who feel that they are in a time of darkness.

And then at the end of the baptism service, if you've ever been to one, the vicar or the priest gives a candle to the child, or if it's a baby to their parents or godparents, and says, 'Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father'.

And so maybe this is an appropriate place to end as we come to the end of this series. I wonder as a challenge whether you and your school could shine as a light in the world. Could you burn brightly to the glory of God and share in God with others? Or burn brightly in the way that you treat others kindly with love and with respect and honour?

There's a lovely moment often in carol services where a light is taken, and everyone holding a candle lights that light, and you see a church or a cathedral light up with hundreds, maybe even thousands of candle flames. Imagine if we could share that light with a world that sometimes feels very dark. That's my challenge for you as we come to the end of this series.

And it's been great traveling with you. If you're doing the Space Maker exercises there's one more to do. Perhaps, we've got two blessing exercises and you could look at one doing one of those. But whatever you do, it's been great to travel this journey with you and to share this series thinking about baptism. Take care and God bless you.