Monday 13th December 2021

LF4 - A light in the darkness that brings hope



What does it mean to be a light in dark places?

- What does light give us?
- What does it mean by dark places?
- Does it mean darkness in being able to see things or is it a bit different to this?



Amnesty International

Are a charity that help people who have their human rights stopped or damaged. Why do you think they have a candle with barbed wire wrapped around it?

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A Note from Alaa

Dear Reader,

This is a story about cats and war and people. But most of all, it is a story about love.

Because of my love for cats, I'm now helping all kinds of animals, as well as people and children, orphaned from the war that has gripped my country since 2011. Generous people from everywhere are helping me support and improve my community. We now have an orphanage caring for many children, and clinics and shelters helping many animals.

You can help, too. Remember: both people and animals suffer pain, and all of them deserve compassion. Together we can make the world a better place!

—Mohammad Alaa Aljaleel

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/magazine-37453081

How is Alaa a light in the darkness?

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What is the light in the darkness for these children living in Aleppo? Isaiah describes the one who was waited for, as being like a light in the darkness:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7

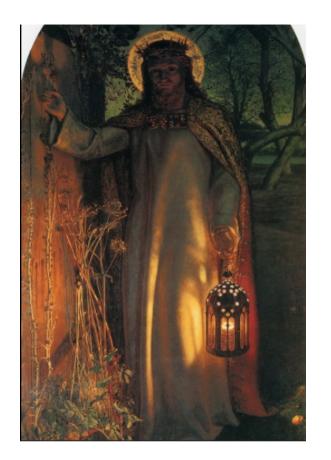


How did Isaiah describe the Messiah?

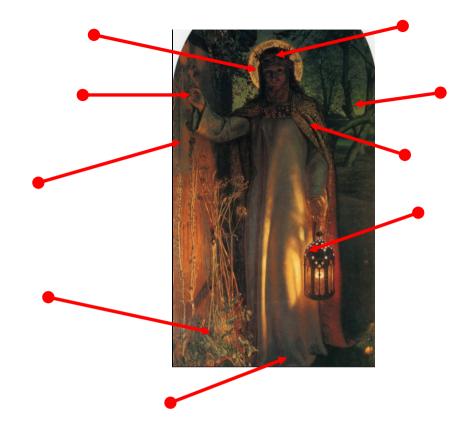
How was the Promised One going to be like a light in the darkness?

What names does Isaiah give the Messiah, and which one do you like the best and why?

Many years later John in the beginning of his gospel talks about Jesus as light: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.' John 1:5 The Light in the Darkness Painting by William Holman Hunt Painted around 1851-53



Holman Hunt used lots of symbolism in the painting to help us think about Jesus more:



On your sheet, you need to label and then explain what the symbolism means