

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6.

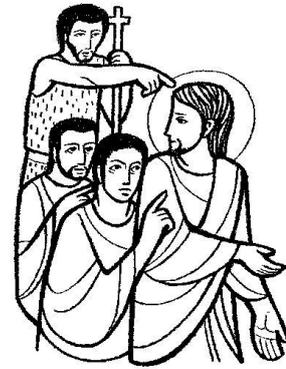
The Servant of the Lord will become the light of the nations.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3.

Paul prays for the spirit of peace for the people of Corinth.

### Gospel: John 1: 29-34.

John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Saviour of the world.



## Points for Reflection

1. **The First Reading** is about the mysterious **Servant of God, the man whose mission was for others.** At a terrible cost to himself he would carry out the task God had given him, and, out of his suffering and death, the divided world would be restored, and men redeemed and reborn.
2. According to **today's Gospel**, when John the Baptist met Jesus for the first time, he realized who this man was, what his mission would be and what it would cost him. What came to John's mind then was the symbol of the lamb, which, in the days of Israel's slavery in Egypt, had been provided by God to save them. **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"**, John said. Thus he became Jesus' witness and revealed him to Israel as God's chosen One: as the One sent by God to save us from our sins.
3. **Jesus is, indeed, the man who lived, suffered and died for each one of us.** Out of his sacrifice, Jesus became glorified and we were all reborn in his Spirit. This means that on the scale possible for us, **we, too, are called to be like him: men and women for others, and thus to become his witnesses and to spread his Spirit in the world.**
4. During the **Week of Christian Unity** (18-25 January), let us **ask God to enlighten us** and all his Son's disciples, as he enlightened John the Baptist. And let us also ask God **to graciously give us the strength to bear witness to this light** in our daily lives as John did.

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**Kids' Corner**

*Colour the picture of John the Baptist and Jesus below.*

