

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23.

After punishing his faithless people with exile, God will bring them home.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10.

Even to people who had destroyed themselves by sin God has given new life in Jesus.

### Gospel: John 3: 14-21.

God loved the world so much that he sent his Son through whom we might be saved.



## Points for Reflection

1. The **Reading** from the book of **Chronicles** tells us of one of the many occasions when Israel turned away from God. Time and again his messages were ignored, his prophets persecuted. The outcome of this foolishness for Israel was exile – an experience, which, because of its terrible consequences, prepared and made sensitive the mind of the people, so that God could approach them yet again with his love and forgiveness and restore them to their native land.
2. But the greatest sign of God's love for us was the coming of Jesus in our midst. God went so far as to send his Son, so that we might recognize the lengths he would go to show his love. He sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us and be the light of our lives.
3. The realization of God's love, of his unfailing pursuit of each one of his creatures, should help us see that his watchfulness is not that of one waiting with an all-seeing eye to spot our faults and failures. He wants immediately to forget the wrong and encourage us to start afresh, assured of his love.
4. And this is precisely the purpose of Lent: to make us ever more aware of God's infinite love for us and help us to let this love permeate our lives and change them into Christ-like lives.

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**Kids' Corner**

*Colour the picture of Jesus and Nicodemus below.*



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