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“Do Not Be Afraid”
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Jesus is the **Light to the Nations**.

John 1:1-9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

The **message** that the angel shares with the **shepherds** beautifully describes the **light** of Jesus.

Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

As we build up to **Christmas**, let’s explore the **nature** of this incredible light.

We begin with: “**Do not be afraid**”.

The light of Jesus **eradicates** fear.

What fears does the **world** harbor?

What fears do **we** harbor?

Jesus gives the **answer** to our fears.

John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- Troubles are to be **expected**.
- Jesus has **conquered** them all.
- **Take heart**.

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