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T: What images are created in
the prologue of St John's
Gospel?



In St. John's Gospel there is no account of the birth of Christ, but there is a poem (prologue) at the beginning that speaks about him.

In the Prologue we discover that Christ has always been in existence.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 1-14 the prologue of the Gospel of St John...

Write down the words and phrases that speak about Christ.

- What do you think is the most important image of Christ that is presented in this passage?
- Why do you think he is described as the "Word of God?"
- Which words in the passage indicate the birth of Christ?

Draw or write about the images that are created by John's prologue. What do these images mean to you?

CHALLENGE: Create your own prologue about the birth of Jesus.