**Candle 1 – John 1: 1-3 (NIV); John 1: 4-5 (TPT)**

**The Word Became Flesh (John 1: 1 – 5) (NIV)**

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning. 3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome[[a](https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/john/1/#footnote-26050a)] it.

**The Living Expression (John 1: 1 – 5) (The Passion Translation (TPT))**

1 In the very beginning[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6127a)] the Living Expression[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6127b)] was already there.

And the Living Expression was with God, yet fully God.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-6127c" \o "See footnote c)]

2They were together—*face-to-face*,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6128d)] in the very beginning.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6128e)]
3And through his creative inspiration
    this Living Expression made all things,[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6129f)]
    for nothing has existence apart from him!
4Life came into being[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6130g)] because of him,
    for his life is light for all humanity.[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6130h)]
5And this Living Expression is the Light that bursts through gloom[[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-6131i" \o "See footnote i)]—
    the Light that darkness could not diminish![[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6131j)]

**Candle 2 – Luke 2: 8-14 (TPT)**

**An Angelic Encounter**

8That night, in a field[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Luke+2%3A+8-14+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-5152a)] near Bethlehem, there were shepherds watching over their flocks. 9Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared in radiant splendour before them, lighting up the field with the blazing glory of God, and the shepherds were terrified! 10But the angel reassured them, saying, “Don’t be afraid. For I have come to bring you good news, the most joyous news the world has ever heard! And it is for everyone everywhere! 11For today in Bethlehem[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Luke+2%3A+8-14+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-5155b)] a rescuer was born for you. He is the Lord Yahweh, the Messiah.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Luke+2%3A+8-14+&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-5155c" \o "See footnote c)] 12 You will recognize him by this miracle sign: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a feeding trough!”[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Luke+2%3A+8-14+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-5155d)]

13Then all at once, a vast number of glorious angels appeared, the very armies of heaven! And they all praised God, singing:

14“Glory to God in the highest realms of heaven!
    For there is peace[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Luke+2%3A+8-14+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-5157e)] and a good hope[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Luke+2%3A+8-14+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-5157f)] given to the sons of men.”

**Candle 3 – John 1: 6-9 (TPT)**

6Then suddenly a man appeared who was sent from God,
    a messenger named John.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+John+1%3A+6-9+&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-6132a" \o "See footnote a)]
7For he came to be a witness, to point the way to the Light of Life,
    and to help everyone believe.
8John was not that Light but he came to show who is.
    For he was merely a messenger to speak the truth about the Light.
9For the Light of Truth[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+John+1%3A+6-9+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6135b)] was about to come into the world
    and shine upon everyone.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+John+1%3A+6-9+&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-6135c" \o "See footnote c)]

**Candle 4 – Hebrews 1: 2-3a (TPT) OR Isaiah 9:2, 6 (NIV)**

**Hebrews 1:2-3 (TPT)**

2But to us living in these last days,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9958a)] God now speaks to us openly in the language of a Son,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9958b)] the appointed Heir of everything, for through him God created the panorama of all things and all time.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9958c)]

3The Son is the dazzling radiance of God’s splendour,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9959d)] the exact expression of God’s true nature—his mirror image![[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9959e)] He holds the universe[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9959f)] together and expands it[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9959g)] by the mighty power of his spoken word.[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9959h)] He accomplished for us the complete cleansing of sins,[[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT" \l "fen-TPT-9959i" \o "See footnote i)] and then took his seat on the highest throne at the right hand[[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9959j)] of the majestic One.[[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Hebrews+1%3A+2-3a+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-9959k)]

**Isaiah 9:2, 6 (NIV)**

2The people walking in darkness
    have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
    a light has dawned.

6. 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 Counselor, Mighty God,
    Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Candle 5 – John 8: 12 (TPT)**

**Jesus, the Light of the World**

12Then Jesus said, **“I am**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+John+8%3A+12+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6462a)] **light to the world and those who embrace me will experience life-giving light, and they will never**[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+John+8%3A+12+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6462b)] **walk**[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+John+8%3A+12+&version=TPT#fen-TPT-6462c)] **in darkness.”**