



TRUTH AND TRUTHFULNESS

Summer Term 2023

Welcome

- We have gathered in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to worship together and think about our value truthfulness.

We light our three candles





- Before people begin to give evidence in a court of law, they are invited to hold a Bible and say the words,
- “ I promise before Almighty God that the evidence which I shall give will be the **truth**, the *whole truth*, and nothing but the **truth**. “
- In other words they promise to say only what they know to be true, not to repeat gossip and not to exaggerate or miss bits out.

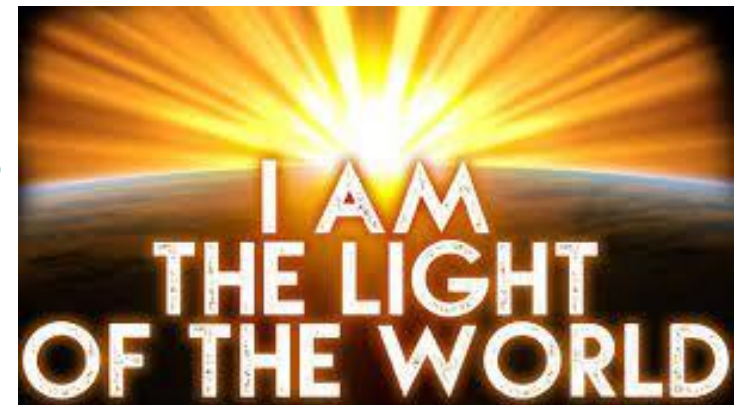
In the Dark...

- It is difficult to how things look when it's dark.
- Night Light



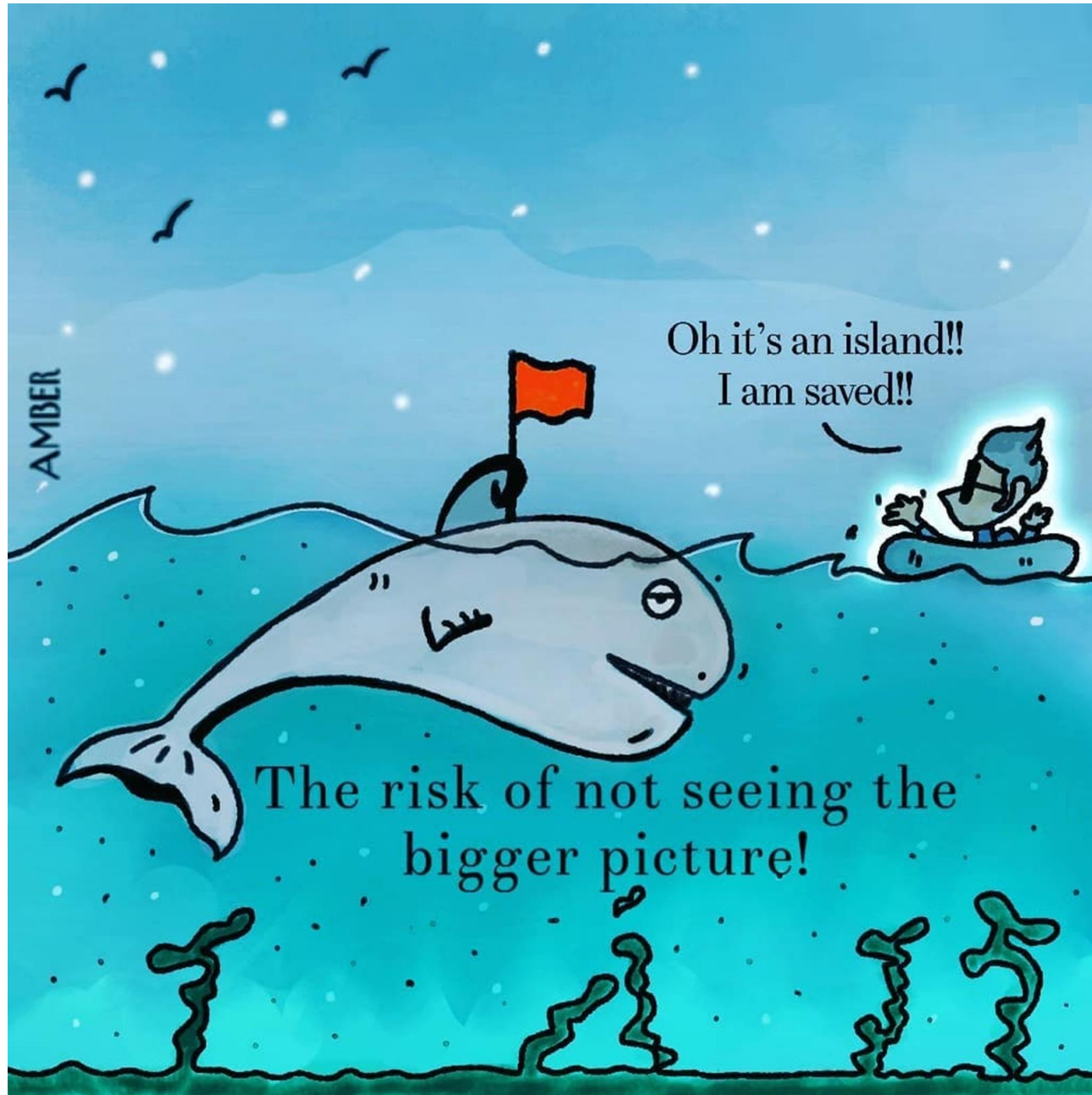
The Light...

- In the clip, it was difficult for the two birds until they found the light.
- The light reveals the *whole* object.
- Jesus said, **"I am the Light of the World."** John 8.12
- Why do you think he said this?



The Truth...

- When someone tells the **truth** it is as if a light has been switched on and things are clearer to see.
- If someone tries to cover or hide the **truth** it becomes confusing and harder to work out what is real or **true**.
- Sometime we only see part of the picture, and part of the **truth** can be misleading.



AMBER

Oh it's an island!!
I am saved!!

The risk of not seeing the
bigger picture!

Learning



- Look at today's poem that describes **truth**. The letters of the word begin each line of the poem.
- **Truth** is....
- Trustworthy words and actions
- Respect for doing the right thing
- Uncovering the full picture
- Telling it as it is
- Having all the facts.
- Talk with a partner about which line is the best way of describing **truth** and why.

Reflecting



- Can you think of a time when you have told only part of the **truth**, perhaps leaving some bits out on purpose?
- Maybe you wanted to impress others and/or make yourself look better?

Responding



- Most people would agree that it feels better inside if we tell the **truth**.
- This week when you are tempted to avoid the *whole truth*, remember the promise that people make in court:
- “I promise before Almighty God that the evidence which I shall give shall be the **truth**, the *whole truth* and nothing but the **truth**.”

Let us Pray

Shining Lights Prayer

- Lord Jesus, light of the world,
- Help us to shine as lights,
- To be **truthful** and open in all we do,
- Amen

