

## God Who Resides In Darkness

*We are very familiar with using the image of light when talking about God but the Hebrew Scriptures contain many images of God residing in the darkness. (Genesis 1:2; Deuteronomy 5: 23 – 24; 2 Samuel 22: 10, 12; Job 23: 17; Job 38: 8 – 9; Ps 97: 1 - 2; Ps 104; Isaiah 45: 3; Amos 4: 13; Amos 5 : 8; Amos 5: 18; Mark 15: 33) As we drew near to advent we decided we wanted to reclaim many of the negative images of darkness that appear in the traditional advent readings and focus on the positive images of darkness.*

*To illustrate this idea of reclaiming the darkness we looked at the children's book, The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark, by Jill Tomlinson which looks at the dark as being necessary, exciting, beautiful, fascinating, wonderful and fun.*

Darkness  
Inky black  
Velvety  
Rich  
Warm  
Enveloping  
Mysterious  
Comforting  
Stretching into forever

Come and experience the God who resides in darkness  
Come and contemplate the God who encompasses mystery  
Come and rest with the God who embraces our fears  
Come and worship the God who dreams of possibilities.

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