

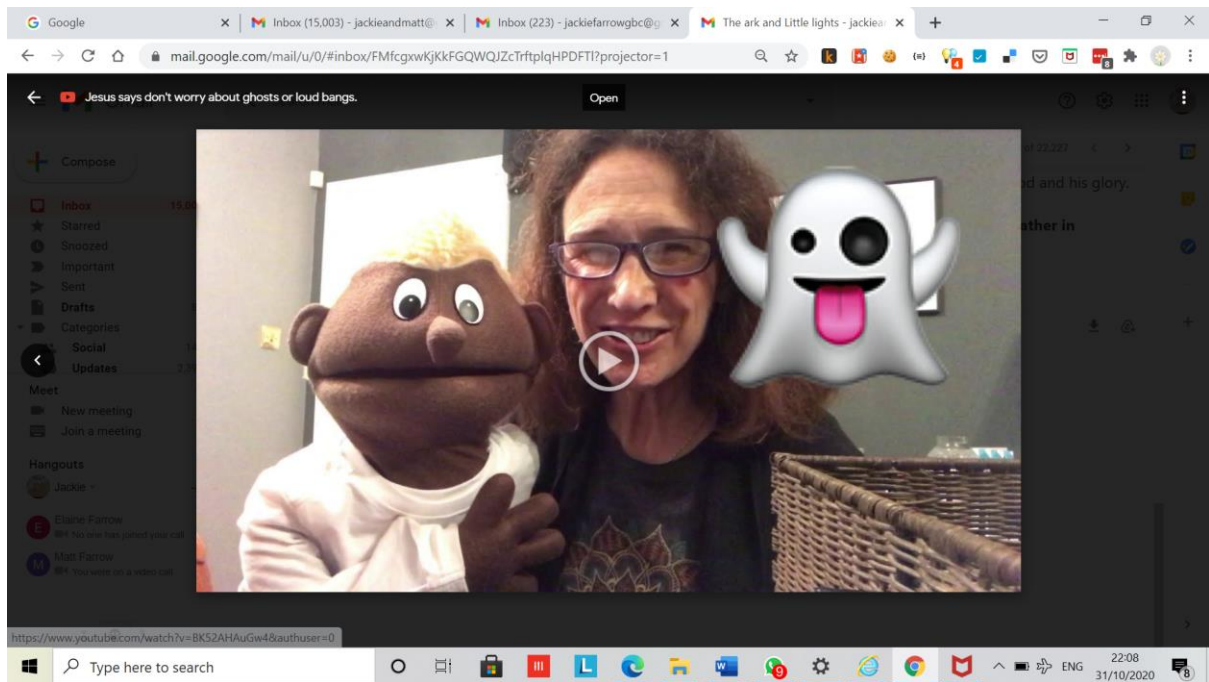
## Little Lights/The Ark 31 October 2020

Dear Parents,

This is the time of year normally for toffee apples, scary looking pumpkins and bright bonfires and folk gathering to see wonderful firework displays.

At our church we have tried to offer an alternative to the dark stories of this time of year with stories Jesus being the light of the world.





<https://youtu.be/BK52AHAGw4>

Watch Jasper as he gets tangled in his sheet and worries about loud noises and bright scary pumpkins.

## The Pumpkin Prayer

*Dear Jesus,*

*As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:*

*Open my mind so that I can learn about You;*

*(cut the top off the pumpkin)*

*Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.*

*(clean out the inside)*

*Open my eyes so Your love I will see;*

*(cut eyes shaped like hearts)*

*I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You've given to me.*

*(cut a nose in the shape of a cross)*

*Open my ears so Your word I will hear;*

*(cut ears shaped like a Bible)*

*Open my mouth to tell others You're near.*

*(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)*

*Let Your light shine in all I say and do!*

*(place candle inside and light it)*

Type or write out **Matthew 5:16** and attach it to the stem of the pumpkin as a reminder to live our lives for God and his glory.

**“In the same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven”**

In view of the latest news re lockdown, here is [an article on the winter blues with young children.](#)

If you need to chat then do get in touch. Only one month and a furthering of the furlough scheme thank goodness.

God bless you all at this time  
with Catherine Little lights & the Ark