

At Thursday's school Mass, the Holy Trinity children sang "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine." This is a theme in our 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Israel, smallest of the nations, is told by God that it will be "a light to the nations." It will be a light because of its commitment to love God above all else and to love its neighbor as it loves its own people.

With God's help the small, the little, the apparently insignificant can make a difference.

When we smile, laugh and sing, we make a difference.

When we listen, encourage another and offer hope, we make a difference.

When we speak words such as, please, thank you, excuse me; I am sorry; take care, I love you, there is power to make a difference.

Like ancient Israel, continue to be a light in our community: show respect; act with civility; compliment one another.

My sisters and brothers: Our world needs us. Our world needs the light that comes from our kind deeds.

Let "this little light of ours" shine!