



*Family Advent
Calendar 2023*

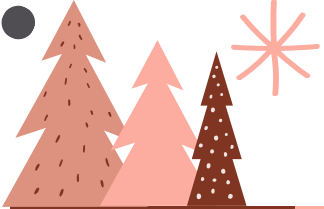
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<p>3 ISA 40:1-5</p> <p>WHAT DOES GOD PROMISE HIS PEOPLE?</p> <p>WHO ARE THEY WAITING FOR?</p> <p>WHAT DO YOU LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM THESE VERSES?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>PLACE THE ADVENT WREATH IN YOUR HOME. LIGHT THE HOPE CANDLE. TALK ABOUT HOW JESUS IS LIKE A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD.</p>	<p>4 ISA 52:7-10</p> <p>WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?</p> <p>WHO BRINGS THE GOOD NEWS?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE CANDLE. PUT UP A NATIVITY (BUT DON'T ADD BABY JESUS YET). TALK ABOUT HOW GOD'S PEOPLE HAD TO WAIT FOR THEIR MESSIAH.</p>	<p>5 ISA 40:9-11</p> <p>WHO IS THE SHEPHERD?</p> <p>WHO IS THE FLOCK?</p> <p>HOW DOES THE SHEPHERD TREAT HIS SHEEP?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE CANDLE. MAKE A POPCORN OR PAPER GARLAND</p>	<p>6 GEN 3:1-15</p> <p>WHY DID ADAM & EVE HIDE?</p> <p>WHAT CHANGED BETWEEN GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WHEN THEY DISOBEYED?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE CANDLE. SHARE A FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY.</p>	<p>7 PS 89:1-4</p> <p>FROM WHICH KING'S LINE DID GOD PROMISE TO SEND HIS SON?</p> <p>HOW LONG DOES GOD PROMISE TO LOVE US?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE CANDLE. MAKE (AND ENJOY) HOMEMADE HOT CHOCOLATE TOGETHER.</p>	<p>8 ISA 11:1-5</p> <p>WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?</p> <p>WHO IS THE ONLY RIGHTEOUS ONE?</p> <p>HOW DOES HE MAKE US RIGHTEOUS?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE CANDLE. GO SEE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.</p>	<p>9 MIC 5:2-4</p> <p>WHERE DID GOD TELL US THE SAVIOR WOULD BE BORN?</p> <p>HOW DOES JESUS MAKE OUR LIVES SECURE?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE CANDLE. MAKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS.</p>
<p>10 JOHN 1:1-9</p> <p>WHO IS THE LIGHT?</p> <p>HOW DOES JESUS BRING LIGHT TO A DARK WORLD?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE AND PEACE CANDLES. PRAY FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO NEED THE LIGHT OF JESUS.</p>	<p>11 JOHN 1:10-18</p> <p>HOW DO WE BECOME "CHILDREN OF GOD?"</p> <p>WHO SHOWS US WHAT GOD IS LIKE?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE AND PEACE CANDLES. GO ON A WINTER NATURE WALK.</p>	<p>12 MARK 1:1-8</p> <p>WHO WAS THE MESSENGER WHO PREPARED THE WAY FOR CHRIST?</p> <p>WHAT WAS JOHN'S MESSAGE?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE AND PEACE CANDLES. PRAY FOR ALL THE "MESSENGERS OF CHRIST" YOU KNOW.</p>	<p>13 LK 1:5-17</p> <p>WHY DO YOU THINK ZECARIAH WAS AFRAID OF THE ANGEL?</p> <p>WHAT WAS JOHN GOING TO DO WHEN HE GREW UP?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE AND PEACE CANDLES. CREATE A CHRISTMAS CARD DISPLAY.</p>	<p>14 LK 1:18-25</p> <p>WHO WAS WAITING?</p> <p>DOES GOD ALWAYS KEEP HIS PROMISES?</p> <p>HOW DO YOU KNOW?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE AND PEACE CANDLES. PLAY CHRISTMAS CHARADES OR CHRISTMAS TRIVIA.</p>	<p>15 LK 1:39-45</p> <p>WHY DID ELIZABETH SAY MARY WAS BLESSED?</p> <p>HOW DID ELIZABETH KNOW ABOUT MARY'S BABY?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE AND PEACE CANDLES. MAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES TOGETHER.</p>	<p>16 LK 1:46-55</p> <p>WHAT DOES MARY SAY ABOUT GOD?</p> <p>HOW DOES MARY DESCRIBE HERSELF?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE AND PEACE CANDLES. DELIVER CHRISTMAS COOKIES TO YOUR NEIGHBORS.</p>





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<p>24 MATT 1:18-25</p> <p>WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS TIME WAS LIKE FOR MARY AND JOSEPH?</p> <p>WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD AT WORK?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE CANDLES. SING "AWAY IN A MANGER."</p>	<p>25 LK 2:1-20</p> <p>WHAT WAS UNIQUE ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH?</p> <p>HOW DID THE ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS RESPOND TO JESUS' BIRTH?</p> <p>ACTIVITY:</p> <p>LIGHT THE HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE CANDLES. ALSO LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE. SING "JOY TO THE WORLD." ADD JESUS TO YOUR NATIVITY!</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>



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