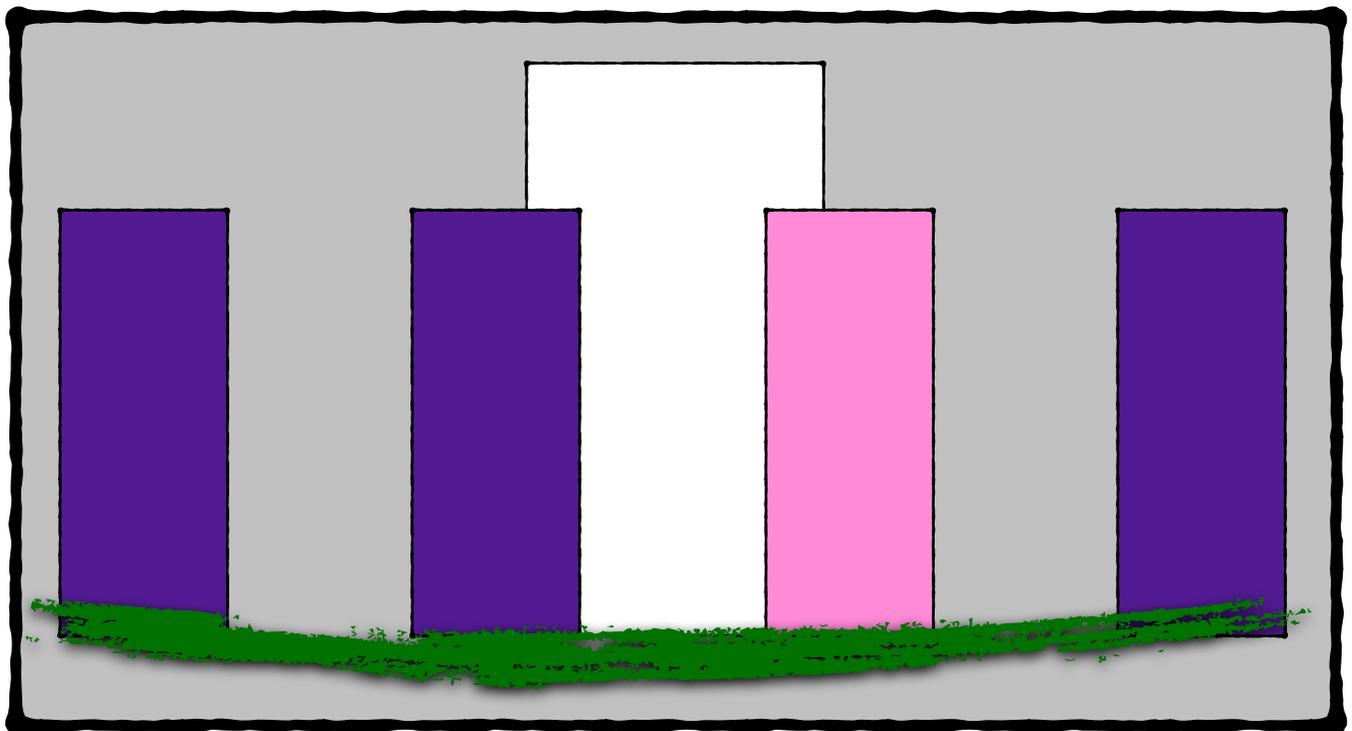


Advent Daily Readings

A Daily Family Time Guide



November 29, 2020 Through December 24, 2020

Advent Daily Family Time

Significance of "Advent"

Advent is a time of anticipation, expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. It is also a time of looking towards the Second Coming of Christ. It comes from the Latin word which means "coming or arrival."

Think of it like the time of preparation for the celebrating at a wedding or the moments of preparation for a child to join your family. In the preparation there is an element of celebrating, but the actual celebration is what the preparation is pointing towards.

Think about all the preparations for a wedding. First, the young man might talk with the young lady's parents, then he buys a ring, then he sets up how to ask her to marry him. After the question is asked, they call and tell their friends and family. Then come the details... dress and tux fittings, decorations, service elements, invitations. There is a ton of preparation and celebrating along the way, but it all points towards the day of celebration.

The same is true for when children join our families. You find out they are coming. Then you begin telling people, decorating, and doing a registry so people can help you buy all the things you need. Then, the child arrives and you celebrate.

All throughout our lives there are times of preparation and celebration. This is the same for the Church...preparation and celebration. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Eastertide, Pentecost to name a few. We can use these times, these cycles, to better help us understand the story of Christ, the story of God and God's people, and how each of us are part of that story.

Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation.

There are two options on Sundays for this reading plan:

Option 1 - Reading Only

This option includes the family reading for that Sunday.

Option 2 - Reading and Advent Wreath

This option includes the family reading for that Sunday AND the lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Advent Set Up

1. Supplies

- Wreath
 - Option 1: Use a Styrofoam ring with some evergreen
 - Option 2: Purchase a pre-made wreath
- Candles
 - 3 violet candles
 - 1 pink candle
 - 1 large white candle.
- Purple Cloth (the color of royalty)



2. Place the wreath on the purple cloth with the violet candles at the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock and 12 o'clock positions and the pink candles at the 9 o'clock position. Then place the large white candle in the middle.
3. The Advent Wreath (cloth, wreath, and candles) can be placed as a centerpiece or on any table.
4. Light a candle each Sunday as well as the previous week(s) candle(s). Lighting candles on the wreath each week of Advent reminds us of the progression of anticipation and expectation.
5. Have one of your family members read the suggested passage for each Sunday.
6. Close each Sunday's time by singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The words are included on the following pages.

Family Activity Ideas

Each week there is also a suggested family activity and family outing. This could be done on any day of the week. They are just suggestions to help your family have fun and build excitement for the day of celebration of the birth of Jesus. They can be switched around to different weeks. You can even take this guide with you and lead the daily time together in the car on your way home from an outing.

Week 1

Family Activity

Make Caramel Apples

Family Outing

View Christmas Light Display (make hot chocolate and perhaps view a community park display or drive around your community)

Week 2

Family Activity

Wrap each bedroom door with Christmas paper (Allow the kids to pick their own wrapping paper design. Kids share a room? Let one wrap the bathroom or linen closet or other doors in your house.)

Family Outing

Visit a decorated department store (Example: Bass Pro Shop or Cabela's)

Week 3

Family Activity

Create Gingerbread Houses (Kits available at local grocery store)

Family Outing

Attend a community event (Christmas parade, Christmas festival, Christmas concert, etc.)

Week 4

Family Activity

Bake a Birthday Cake for Jesus

Family Outing

Participate in a Christmas Eve Service

Advent Week 1

Sunday, November 29

Hope and Prophecy

Option 1 - Reading

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

Share

This week is the week of Hope and Prophecy. What does it mean to have hope? (A feeling of looking forward for a certain thing to happen, a feeling of trust) Do you have any ideas of what a prophecy might be? (It is a prediction of something that will happen but it hasn't happened yet) This scripture that we just read includes both of these words; it is a Prophecy of Hope for the world. This scripture points to Jesus' birth even BEFORE it actually happened! It also points to who Jesus is and will be as King forever and ever. We can have hope in the Lord because we can trust God. We, as followers of Jesus, can look back to the amazingness of Jesus' predicted birth and look forward to the promise of Heaven and living in eternity with God! Everyone think of one thing that you are hopeful for (looking forward to) during this Advent season and share your idea.

Pray

Option 2 - Reading and Advent Wreath

Gather around the Advent Wreath

The *circle* of the wreath represents God's care. God's love is so great; it has no beginning or end. The *evergreens* represent the hope of eternal life.

The purple cloth represents the royalty of Jesus – that he is the King of kings.

Symbol

The first candle (violet) is the candle of prophecy. It is the candle of **Hope**.

Light the candle in the 3 o'clock position in the wreath.

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

Share

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Sing

Sing the first verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Lyrics on the final page)

Pray

Close in prayer keeping in mind the symbol, scripture and discussion of the evening.

Monday, November 30

Zechariah

Review

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about yesterday? (Hope, Prophecy)

Scripture

Luke 1:5-12

Share

Zechariah and Elizabeth really, really wanted a baby, but they were unable to have one. Have you ever wanted something really badly? How did it make you feel to really want it but to not have it? Zechariah saw a real, live angel standing near him! He was shaken up and overwhelmed with fear! What do you think the angel looked like? How would you feel if you saw an angel in front of you? What would you do?

Pray

Tuesday, December 1

The Angel Gabriel

Review

Can you remember who our story was about yesterday? (Zechariah) Who came to visit him in the temple? (Angel Gabriel)

Scripture

Luke 1:13, 16, 18-20, 22-24

Share

Zechariah had a hard time believing that what the angel said would come true. He had wanted a child for so long that now he was an old man. This news seemed too good to be true. Are there things in your life that you have been praying about for a long time? What can we learn about God and God's timing from this part of Zechariah's story?

Pray

Wednesday, December 2

Mary

Review

Can you remember who our story was about yesterday? (Zechariah) What happened to him? (Saw an angel and couldn't talk) Why? (He didn't believe what the angel said)

Scripture

Luke 1:26-33

Share

This is the second time we see the angel Gabriel bring important, good news to someone. Have you ever received some really important news and/or really good news? How did it make you feel?

Pray

Thursday, December 3

The Holy Spirit

Review

Yesterday, we learned about a new person. Do you remember who it was? (Mary) What news did she receive? (She would have a baby - God's Son)

Scripture

Luke 1:34-38

Share

Yesterday and today, we see that Mary has just found out that she will get to be the mother of God's Son! That's a big job! How would you feel to be given such a big job? The scripture tells us how Mary responded. Look back to the scripture and read aloud what she said to the angel before he left. What can we learn from Mary that we can use in our own lives?

Pray

Friday, December 4

Elizabeth

Review

Who was our story about again yesterday? (Mary) How did she respond? (She is the Lord's servant, and she will do what God said)

Scripture

Luke 1:39-45

Share

Have you ever felt a baby move and kick inside of a mother's stomach? What does it feel like? Why did Elizabeth's baby jump for joy inside of her?

Pray

Saturday, December 5

Hope in the Lord

Review

Who jumped for joy in yesterday's story? (Baby inside of Elizabeth) When did the baby jump? (When he heard Mary's voice)

Scripture

Psalms 25:1-5

Share

(Optional: use the provided printable page that corresponds with this scripture.)

The focus of this week has been Hope. Find the word Hope in this scripture (color it in). Do you remember what hope means? It is a feeling of looking forward for a certain thing to happen or a feeling of trust. Take turns and look for words/phrases in this scripture that point to hope and tell why you think they are hopeful (circle the words/phrases that point to hope). Think about, hope for, and look forward to the birth of Jesus that we will be celebrating in just a few short weeks. Share where you saw hope in the stories this week.

Pray

Psalm 25:1-5

O Lord, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God!

Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.

No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow.

Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.

All day long I put my hope in you.

Advent Week 2

Sunday, December 6

Peace and Bethlehem

Option 1 - Reading

Review

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about the first week? (Hope, Prophecy)

Scripture

Micah 5:2

Share

This week is the week of Peace and Bethlehem. Bethlehem is a small village south of Jerusalem not far from the Mediterranean Sea. (Optional: look up the location on a map.) This scripture is prophecy just like last week. This scripture is telling us that Jesus will be born in Bethlehem long BEFORE it actually happened. What does the word peace mean? (Free of being disturbed, calm, no war) What kinds of things make you feel the most peaceful? Can you think of times when you have felt God's peace in your life?

Pray

Option 2 - Reading and Advent Wreath

Gather around the Advent Wreath

Symbol

Review the meaning of the circle, evergreens, purple cloth, and first candle (Hope, Prophecy). The second candle (violet) is the candle of Bethlehem. It is the candle of **Peace**. Light the candle in the 6 o'clock position in the wreath and the candle in the 3 o'clock position.

Scripture

Micah 5:2

Share

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Sing

Sing the first verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Lyrics on the final page)

Pray

Close in prayer keeping in mind the symbol, scripture and discussion of the evening.

Monday, December 7

Mary's Song

Review

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about yesterday? (Peace, Bethlehem)

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55

Share

Mary sang this song of praise to the Lord. She felt so blessed and privileged to be the mother of God's son and to take on this job that God was giving her. Has God blessed you and your family? What are some things for which you can praise God?

Pray

Tuesday, December 8

John the Baptist

Review

Can you remember who sang a song in yesterday's story? (Mary) Why did she want to praise God? (God blessed her by choosing her)

Scripture

Luke 1:57-66

Share

Try to tell someone something without using your voice. How do you think it would feel to not be able to talk all day, every day? What happened to Zechariah after he told everyone that his baby's name is John? If you were Zechariah, how would you feel when you could talk again? What can we learn about John?

Pray

Wednesday, December 9

Zechariah's Prophecy

Review

What did Zechariah name his special baby? (John) What happened to Zechariah after he wrote John's name? (He could talk)

Scripture

Luke 1:67-70; 76-80

Share

The scripture tells us that Zechariah gave a prophecy. Which two people did he prophecy about? (Jesus and John) What was John's special job going to be when he grew up? What special job would you like to have when you grow up?

Pray

Thursday, December 10 Isaiah

Review

Zechariah told a prophecy that his baby John would grow up and have a special job. Can you remember what John's special job was? (prophet of the Most High, prepare the way for the Lord, tell people how to find salvation and be forgiven)

Scripture

Isaiah 40:3-5

Share

This scripture is from the book of Isaiah. It is a prophecy about John that was given a long time BEFORE John was even born! It tells us that John will tell people about Jesus and help them get their hearts ready to believe in Jesus. Where did you first hear about Jesus? Each person in the family take turns telling your story of hearing about Jesus.

Pray

Friday, December 11 Joseph

Review

Can you remember who the prophecy was about yesterday? (John) Who did John tell people about? (Jesus)

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-24

Share

What did the angel tell Joseph in his dream? Have you ever had a dream that you could remember? How would you feel if you saw an angel tell you something in your dream?

Pray

Saturday, December 12 Peace in the Lord

Review

Can you remember who had a dream yesterday? (Joseph) Who talked to Joseph in his dream? (Angel)

Scripture

Psalm 85:8-13

Share

(Optional: use the provided printable page that corresponds with this scripture.)

The focus of this week has been Peace. Do you remember what peace means? It means to be free of being disturbed, to have calm, and no war. Find the word Peace in this scripture (color it in). Take turns and look for words/phrases in this scripture that point to peace and tell why you think they show peace (circle the words/phrases that point to peace). Because Jesus came into the world, we can now enjoy the peace that only God can provide. Share where you saw peace in the stories from this week.

Pray

Psalm 85:8-13

I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people.

But let them not return to their foolish ways.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory.

Unfailing love and truth have met together.

Righteousness and peace have kissed!

Truth springs up from the earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven.

Yes, the Lord pours down his blessings.

Our land will yield its bountiful harvest.

Righteousness goes as a herald before him, preparing the way for his steps.

Advent Week 3

Sunday, December 13

Joy and Shepherds

Option 1 - Reading

Review

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about the first week? (Hope, Prophecy) Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about the second week? (Peace, Bethlehem)

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4

Share

This week is the week of Joy and Shepherds. What do shepherds do? Be looking for the shepherds to show up this week in our scriptures to find out how they fit into the story of Jesus birth. What does the word joy mean? (Great happiness) What kinds of things make you feel the most joy? Can you think of times when God has brought joy in your life?

Pray

Option 2 - Reading and Advent Wreath

Gather around the Advent Wreath

Symbol

Review the meaning of the circle, evergreens, purple cloth, first candle (Hope, Prophecy) and second candle (Peace, Bethlehem).

The third candle (pink) is the candle of the Shepherds. It is the candle of **Joy**.

Light the candle in the 9 o'clock position in the wreath and the candles in the 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock positions.

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4

Share

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Sing

Sing the first verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Lyrics on the final page)

Pray

Close in prayer keeping in mind the symbol, scripture and discussion of the evening.

Monday, December 14

Bethlehem Journey

Review

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about yesterday? (Joy, Shepherds)

Scripture

Luke 2:1-5

Share

Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem for a census. Do you know what a census is? (When the government takes an official count of their people) Have you ever been on a long trip? Do you like to travel or do you prefer to stay home? Since Mary and Joseph didn't have a car or airplane back then, talk about what you imagine it was like for Joseph and pregnant Mary to go on the long trip to Bethlehem.

Pray

Tuesday, December 15

Inn and Manger

Review

Can you remember what Mary and Joseph had to do in our story yesterday? Why did they go there? (Travel to Bethlehem for a Census)

Scripture

Luke 2:6-7

Share

While Mary and Joseph were on their trip in Bethlehem, what happened? What does the scripture say she did to take care of her baby? Do you know what a manger is? (An open box for animals to eat out of) Have you ever helped take care of a baby before? What kinds of things do babies need to be cared for? How do you think Mary felt in this situation?

Pray

Wednesday, December 16

Shepherds

Review

Can you remember what happened while Mary was in Bethlehem? (Jesus was born, she laid him in a manger)

Scripture

Luke 2:8-12

Share

Our scripture tells us that an angel appeared to a group of people to give them some good news. Who were they and what were they doing? If shepherds lived outside taking care of sheep most of the time, what do you think they looked like? What do you think they smelled like? Why do you think the angels came to a group of shepherds with this very special news instead of someone more important?

Pray

Thursday, December 17

Angel Choir

Review

To whom did the angels give a special message in yesterday's story? (Shepherds) What was the message? (The Savior is born)

Scripture

Luke 2:13-20

Share

How would you feel to see the entire sky filled with angels praising God? What would you do? What did the shepherds do? After they saw the baby, they told everyone what had happened. What do you think the shepherds were thinking and feeling after all they had seen?

Pray

Friday, December 18

Micah

Review

What amazing sight did the shepherds see one night? (Angels appeared in the sky) What did the shepherds do? (They went to see the baby, they told everyone)

Scripture

Matthew 2:6

Share

This scripture is a prophecy that was given years BEFORE Jesus was born. In fact, we have already heard it before because this passage, found in the book of Matthew, is actually referring to the same passage that is found in the book of Micah (which we read the 2nd Sunday of Advent). It tells us that Jesus will be born in Bethlehem and that Jesus will be the shepherd for God's people. Tell what you know about how shepherds care for their animals. Why do you think Jesus is compared to a shepherd? Can you think of a time when God has cared for you or someone you know?

Pray

Saturday, December 19

Joy in the Lord

Review

Can you remember what the prophecy compared Jesus to in yesterday's scripture? (Shepherd)

Scripture

Psalms 146:5-10

Share

(Optional: use the provided printable page that corresponds with this scripture.)

The focus of this week has been Joy. Do you remember what Joy means? It means to have great happiness. Find the word Joyful in this scripture (color it in). Take turns and look for words/phrases in this scripture that would make you feel joyful and tell why you think they show joy (circle the words/phrases that point to joy). Our good shepherd loves and cares for us. Knowing this fills us with Joy that only God can provide! Share where you saw joy in the stories this week.

Pray

Psalm 146:5-10

But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever.

He gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry. The Lord frees the prisoners.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down. The Lord loves the godly.

The Lord protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever. He will be your God, O Jerusalem, throughout the generations.

Praise the Lord!

Advent Week 4

Sunday, December 20

Love and Angels

Option 1 - Reading

Review

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about the first week? (Hope, Prophecy) Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about the second week? (Peace, Bethlehem)

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about the third week? (Joy, Shepherds)

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-15 and Isaiah 7:14

Share

This week is the week of Love and Angels. Can you think of and name all the times so far that we have heard about angels in our stories for Advent? God used them to tell people important, good news! Would you like to be the angels in these stories? Why or Why not? What does the word love mean? (Deep affection, like something or someone a lot) What kinds of things or people do you love? Can you think of times when you have felt God's love for you in your life?

Pray

Option 2 - Reading and Advent Wreath

Gather around the Advent Wreath

Symbol

Review the meaning of the circle, evergreens, purple cloth, first candle (Hope, Prophecy), second candle (Peace, Bethlehem), and third candle (Joy, Shepherds).

The fourth candle (violet) is the candle of the Angels. It is the candle of **Love**.

Light the candle in the 12 o'clock position in the wreath and the candle in the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock positions.

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-15 and Isaiah 7:14

Share

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Sing

Sing the first verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Lyrics on the final page)

Pray

Close in prayer keeping in mind the symbol, scripture and discussion of the evening.

Monday, December 21

The Name: Jesus

Review

Can you remember the two words of the week that we talked about yesterday? (Love, Angels)

Scripture

Luke 2:21

Share

Why does the scripture say that Mary and Joseph name the baby Jesus? The angel told them to because Jesus was the special name picked out by God. Jesus means the Lord Saves. Do you know what your name means? Did you get your name for a special meaning or because you were named after a special person? (Optional: look online to see what your name means.)

Pray

Tuesday, December 22

Simeon

Review

What was the special name given for the baby? (Jesus) Why is that name special? (God chose it, and it means the Lord Saves)

Scripture

Luke 2:25-33

Share

Mary and Joseph met Simeon when they went to the temple to present the baby Jesus to the Lord. What had God promised Simeon? Has someone ever promised you something that came true? How did it make you feel? How would you feel if you were Simeon on that day?

Pray

Wednesday, December 23

Anna

Review

Can you remember the new person we learned about yesterday? (Simeon)

Scripture

Luke 2:36-38

Share

Who else did Mary and Joseph meet in the temple? When she saw the baby, she began praising God and then telling everyone about him. How do you think she knew that baby Jesus was so special? Have you ever had super exciting news to share that you wanted everyone to know? How did you feel? What do you think Anna was feeling about her special news?

Pray

December 24 OR December 25 A New Song

Option 1 - Reading

Review

Can you remember the new person we learned about yesterday? (Anna)

Scripture

Psalm 96:1-13

Share

This is a song written to praise the Lord. Talk together about the things in your life for which you can praise God. Think about all of the scriptures we have shared together throughout this Advent season. We have seen through the prophecies how God had planned for Jesus to come even long before he was born. We have seen the angels bring the good news of his birth. We have seen the shepherds so filled with joy about the good news that they can't help but share the joy of that message to everyone. This Christmas we celebrate the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of God through Jesus, the Son of God, as God's gift to us and the world. From your family time together during these last weeks of Advent, take turns and share one thing that you learned, that you feel like God is teaching you, or that has been meaningful to you.

Pray

Option 2 - Reading and Wreath

Gather around the Advent Wreath

Symbol

Review the meaning of the circle, evergreens, purple cloth, first candle (Hope, Prophecy), second candle (Peace, Bethlehem), third candle (Joy, Shepherds), and fourth candle (Love, Angels).

The fifth and last candle (white) is the **Christ Candle**. It represents Christ, the Light of the World. Light the candle in the center of the wreath and all 4 other candles.

Scripture

John 3:16-17

Share

Think about all of the scriptures we have shared together throughout this Advent season. We have seen through the prophecies how God had planned for Jesus to come even long before he was born. We have seen the angels bring the good news of his birth. We have seen the shepherds so filled with joy about the good news that they can't help but share the joy of that message to everyone. This Christmas we celebrate the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of God through Jesus, the Son of God, as God's gift to us and the world. From your family time together during these last weeks of Advent, take turns and share one thing that you learned, that you feel like God is teaching you, or that has been meaningful to you.

Sing

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Pray

Close in prayer keeping in mind the symbol, scripture and discussion of the evening.

Scripture Scope and Sequence

Week 1

Sunday, November 29	Hope and Prophecy	Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7
Monday, November 30	Zechariah	Luke 1:5-12
Tuesday, December 1	The Angel Gabriel	Luke 1:13, 16, 18-20, 22-24
Wednesday, December 2	Mary	Luke 1:26-33
Thursday, December 3	The Holy Spirit	Luke 1:34-38
Friday, December 4	Elizabeth	Luke 1:39-45
Saturday, December 5	Hope in the Lord	Psalms 25:1-5

Week 2

Sunday, December 6	Peace and Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
Monday, December 7	Mary's Song	Luke 1:46-55
Tuesday, December 8	John the Baptist	Luke 1:57-66
Wednesday, December 9	Isaiah	Luke 1:67-70; 76-80
Thursday, December 10	Zechariah's Prophecy	Isaiah 40:3-5
Friday, December 11	Joseph	Matthew 1:18-24
Saturday, December 12	Peace in the Lord	Psalms 85:8-13

Week 3

Sunday, December 13	Joy and Shepherds	Isaiah 61:1-4
Monday, December 14	Bethlehem Journey	Luke 2:1-5
Tuesday, December 15	Inn and Manger	Luke 2:6-7
Wednesday, December 16	Shepherds	Luke 2:8-12
Thursday, December 17	Angel Choir	Luke 2:13-20
Friday, December 18	Micah	Matthew 2:6
Saturday, December 19	Joy in the Lord	Psalms 146:5-10

Week 4

Sunday, December 20	Love and Angels	Jeremiah 33:14-15 and Isaiah 7:14
Monday, December 21	The Name: Jesus	Luke 2:21
Tuesday, December 22	Simeon	Luke 2:25-35
Wednesday, December 23	Anna	Luke 2:36-38
Thursday, December 24	A New Song	Psalms 96:1-13

12 Days of Christmas Family Time Guide

Also available 12 Days of Christmas Family Time Guide. It begins on December 25 and ends with a 3 Kings' Day celebration on January 6.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

You can find the tune to this hymn at <http://cyberhymnal.org/htm/c/o/m/comtlong.htm> or Fernando Ortega has a simple version on iTunes.

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