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ADVENT

Begins Sunday, November 29



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What is Advent?

Advent reflects on the time of waiting for the first coming of Jesus, who arrived as the fulfillment of promises and God's provision of grace.

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HOPE

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HOPE

(Prophecy)

It was prophesied long before the birth of Christ that another would come to prepare the way for his coming.

READ

Isaiah 40:3-5, Malachi 3:1 & 4:5-6, Luke 1:11-20

DISCUSS

1. What causes you to trust a prediction of the future? What causes you to doubt it?
2. Why was it hard for Zechariah to trust the angel's words?
3. What prophecies have already been fulfilled in the Bible? What prophecies for the future do you place hope in?

REMEMBER

Memory Verse — 2 Peter 1:21

DO

Hope Reminders — Write down a prophecy for the future on an index card and put it somewhere in your home throughout the Advent season to remind you of our future hope.

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PEACE

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PEACE

(Promise)

The promises of God give us peace because he has never broken a promise.

READ

2 Samuel 7:12-13, Isaiah 9:7, Luke 1:26-45

DISCUSS

1. The promise of a never-ending kingdom is a promise only God could make. How could this have given David peace?
2. Mary moved from greatly troubled to a peaceful trust in God. What changed for her?
3. What helps you find peace in difficult moments?

REMEMBER

Memory Verse — Luke 1:38

DO

Peace Bringers — Help someone else experience peace by giving or serving in some way as a family.

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JOY

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JOY

(Presence)

In the presence of God there is good news of great joy for all people.

READ

1 Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 35:10, Luke 1:46-56

DISCUSS

1. What does Hannah rejoice about in her prayer?
2. How does Mary find joy in God's goodness to her?
3. God is present with you now. How do you celebrate the goodness of God in this season of your life?

REMEMBER

Memory Verse — Luke 1:46-47

DO

Joyfully Present — Be fully present as you choose a day away from screens to enjoy God and each other.

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LOVE

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LOVE

(Personal)

God doesn't just love the world generally, he personally loves each of his children perfectly.

READ

Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-20

DISCUSS

1. In what ways does it appear that everything is going wrong for Joseph and Mary?
2. How did this story reflect extravagant love to the shepherds?
3. What helps you trust in God's love in the highs and the lows of life?

REMEMBER

Memory Verse — Luke 2:10

DO

Personal Touch — Make homemade Christmas cards for those who may be overlooked or taken for granted in this season like nursing home residents or first responders.

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CHRIST

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(Presents)

READ

Matthew 2:1-12

DISCUSS

1. The Magi were looking for Jesus while the Jews were not. What causes some people to focus on Jesus and others to forget?
2. Why do you think the Magi brought gifts for Jesus?
3. How could giving and receiving presents remind us of the four themes of Advent — hope, peace, joy and love?

REMEMBER

Memory Verse — Matthew 1:21

DO

Forever Present — Thank God for sending Jesus as the greatest gift to save us from our sins and make a way to know God now and forevermore.