

ADVENT READINGS

*Focus on Hope, Faith, Joy, and
Peace as you await the Savior's birth*



Hope

First Week in Advent

First Sunday in Advent: Read Luke 2:1-5

Readings for other days of the first week in Advent:

- Hebrews 6:13-20, especially verse 19
- Lamentations 3:21-24
- Romans 8:22-25
- Psalm 42:5
- Romans 12:12

Follow as much of this plan as you like:

1. Light the first purple candle.
2. Read a Bible passage.
3. Choose any of these questions to discuss or meditate on:
 - What do you learn about God in this passage?
 - What does this passage teach you about HOPE?
 - How does this passage connect with Christmas or the coming of Jesus?
 - How can you apply this passage to your life today?
 - How does this passage help you today?
4. Open a window on an Advent calendar.
5. Play or sing a Christmas hymn or worship song.
6. Close in prayer.
7. Blow out the candle.

Faith

Second Week in Advent

Second Sunday in Advent: Read Luke 2:6-7

Readings for other days of the second week in Advent:

- Hebrews 11:1-3
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Ephesians 2:8
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

Follow as much of this plan as you like:

1. Light the first and second purple candles.
2. Read a Bible passage.
3. Choose any of these questions to discuss or meditate on:
 - What do you learn about God in this passage?
 - What does this passage teach you about FAITH?
 - How does this passage connect with Christmas or the coming of Jesus?
 - How can you apply this passage to your life today?
 - How does this passage help you today?
4. Open a window on an Advent calendar.
5. Play or sing a Christmas hymn or worship song.
6. Close in prayer.
7. Blow out the candles.

Joy

Third Week in Advent

Third Sunday in Advent: Read Luke 2:8-14

Readings for other days of the third week in Advent:

- Psalm 118:24
- Galatians 5:22-23
- James 1:2
- John 16:19-24
- Luke 1:46-49

Follow as much of this plan as you like:

1. Light the first two purple candles and the pink candle.
2. Read a Bible passage.
3. Choose any of these questions to discuss or meditate on:
 - What do you learn about God in this passage?
 - What does this passage teach you about JOY?
 - How does this passage connect with Christmas or the coming of Jesus?
 - How can you apply this passage to your life today?
 - How does this passage help you today?
4. Open a window on an Advent calendar.
5. Play or sing a Christmas hymn or worship song.
6. Close in prayer.
7. Blow out the candles.

Peace

Fourth Week in Advent

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Read Luke 2:15-20

Readings for other days of the fourth week in Advent:

- Philippians 4:4-7
- John 14:27
- Numbers 6:22-26
- Romans 5:1-5
- Isaiah 9:2, 6

Follow as much of this plan as you like:

1. Light all three purple candles and the pink candle.
2. Read a Bible passage.
3. Choose any of these questions to discuss or meditate on:
 - What do you learn about God in this passage?
 - What does this passage teach you about PEACE?
 - How does this passage connect with Christmas or the coming of Jesus?
 - How can you apply this passage to your life today?
 - How does this passage help you today?
4. Open a window on an Advent calendar.
5. Play or sing a Christmas hymn or worship song.
6. Close in prayer.
7. Blow out the candles.

Christmas Day

Readings for Christmas Day:

Luke 2:1-20

John 1:1-18

Follow as much of this plan as you like:

1. Light all of the candles, including the white Christ candle.
2. Read one of the Bible passages above.
3. Choose any of these questions to discuss or meditate on:
 - What do you learn about God in this passage?
 - How does this passage connect with Christmas?
 - What special things about Jesus do you learn in this passage?
 - How can you apply this passage to your life today?
4. Play or sing a Christmas hymn or worship song.
5. Close in prayer.
6. Blow out the candles.