

ADVENT 2020 *

2020 DATES	CANDLE COLOR	KEY WORDS	VIDEO	SCRIPTURE	DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	CAROLS
SUN. NOV. 29TH	PURPLE	PEACE	YOUTUBE VIDEO, "PEACE" BY THE BIBLE PROJECT HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/OLYORLZOAZE	ISAIAH 9:6 JOHN 14:27 ROMANS 5:1-2 EPHESIANS 2:14-15 COLOSSIANS 1:19-20	1. SHARE ABOUT A TIME YOU FELT PEACE. 2. IN THE BIBLE, PEACE IS NOT ONLY "NOT FIGHTING," BUT WHOLENESS AND WORKING TOGETHER FOR MUTUAL GOOD. CAN YOU THINK ABOUT A TIME YOU'VE EXPERIENCED THIS? 3. JESUS IS OUR PEACE. HE RESTORED OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD. WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS? 4. HOW CAN YOU BE A PEACEMAKER IN YOUR LIFE?	O, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR SILENT NIGHT
SUN. DEC 6TH	PURPLE	HOPE	YOUTUBE VIDEO, "HOPE" BY THE BIBLE PROJECT HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/4WYNBjJSyVe	ISAIAH 8:17 PSALMS 130:5-7 PSALMS 39:7 1 PETER 1:3-4	1. WHAT ARE YOU HOPING FOR (EAGERLY EXPECTING) THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON? 2. GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN THE PAST GIVES US HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. HOW HAS GOD BEEN FAITHFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE PAST? 3. HOW DOES JESUS' FIRST COMING TO EARTH AS A BABY AND AS THE MESSIAH GIVE YOU HOPE? 4. HOW DOES HIS FUTURE SECOND COMING TO EARTH IN GLORY GIVE YOU HOPE?	O, COME O COME EMMANUEL OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL OH HOLY NIGHT
SUN. DEC. 13TH	PINK	JOY	YOUTUBE VIDEO, "JOY" BY THE BIBLE PROJECT HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/QV0hQTUD2e0	PSALMS 105:43 ISAIAH 51:11 LUKE 2:10 MATTHEW 5: 12 PHILIPPIANS 1:25 PHILIPPIANS 3:1 2 CORINTHIANS 6:10	1. WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY IN LIFE? 2. WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY AT CHRISTMAS? 3. WHAT DOES JOY FEEL LIKE? WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE FULL OF JOY? 4. JESUS' COMING IS GOOD NEWS THAT BRINGS GREAT JOY! (THE WORD "GOSPEL" MEANS "GOOD NEWS.") HOW DOES OUR HOPE IN JESUS GIVE US JOY EVEN WHEN LIFE IS DIFFICULT? 5. HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED "JOY IN THE LORD" REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCE? NOW, JOYFUL SING A CHRISTMAS CAROL TOGETHER!	O, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM JOY TO THE WORLD ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

SUN. DEC 20TH	PURPLE	LOVE	YOUTUBE VIDEO, "LOVE" BY THE BIBLE PROJECT HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/SLY EVQ1LW7A	LUKE 6:31 MARK 12:31 DEUTERONOMY 6:5 ROMANS 5:8 1 JOHN 4:9 1 JOHN 4:11	1. IS IT EASY TO LOVE OTHERS? WHY OR WHY NOT? 2. WHO DOES JESUS TELL US TO LOVE? (HINT: THE BIBLE TELLS US TO LOVE <u>GOD</u> AND TO LOVE OUR <u>NEIGHBOR</u> AS WE LOVE <u>OURSELVES</u> ... "OUR NEIGHBOR" MEANS OTHER PEOPLE AROUND US!) 3. LOVE IS ACTION. LOVE IS A CHOICE. WHAT IS SOMETHING LOVING YOU CAN DO FOR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY TODAY? 4. WHO IN YOUR LIFE CAN YOU SHOW LOVE TO BY HELPING AND SERVING? 5. HOW DOES GOD SHOW HIS LOVE TO US? 6. HOW CAN WE SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS?	AWAY IN A MANGER SILENT NIGHT
CHRIST MAS EVE OR CHRIST MAS DAY	WHITE	CHRIST	YOUTUBE VIDEO, "LUKE 1 & 2" BY THE BIBLE PROJECT HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/_O LEZOUV0EQ	LUKE, CHAPTERS 1 & 2 (MATTHEW, CHAPTERS 1 & 2 ALSO TELL THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH)	TODAY WE CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTHDAY! THANK GOD FOR SENDING JESUS! WE CELEBRATE THAT JESUS, OUR SAVIOR, HAS COME! "THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT"-- JESUS! 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15	GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN SING YOUR FAVORITE CAROLS AGAIN!

*SCRIPTURES & VIDEOS FROM "THE BIBLE PROJECT: ADVENT DEVOTIONAL"

THE WORD "ADVENT" SIGNIFIES THE COMING OR ARRIVAL OF SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IMPORTANT. IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION, ADVENT IS A CELEBRATION OF THE COMING OF JESUS, THE MESSIAH AS A BABY IN BETHLEHEM. ALSO, WE EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD TO CHRIST SECOND COMING TO EARTH IN GLORY AND POWER. WE CELEBRATE ADVENT THE FOUR SUNDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALSO ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY. DURING ADVENT, WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF JESUS' BIRTH, HIS FIRST COMING TO EARTH. DURING THE WEEKS OF ADVENT, WE FOCUS ON HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE, AND CHRIST.

THERE ARE MANY VARIATIONS TO CELEBRATING ADVENT. **HERE'S A BASIC OUTLINE: LIGHT CANDLE/ KEY WORD/ WATCH/ READ/ TALK/ SING/ PRAY.** PRESENTED HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO GET YOUR FAMILY STARTED. AT THE DINNER TABLE BEFORE OR AFTER A MEAL MAY WORK WELL, OR WITH A SNACK AFTER. KEEP IT BRIEF. KEEP IT FUN. LET CHILDREN PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE LIGHTING, READING, SINGING, PRAYING, ETC. EACH WEEK BEGINS WITH LIGHTING THE CANDLE FOR THAT WEEK AND THE PREVIOUS CANDLES AS WELL. WHEN YOUR ADVENT TIME IS OVER, YOU CAN BLOW OUT THE CANDLES. SOME PEOPLE PUT THE CANDLES IN AN ADVENT WREATH OR SPECIAL CANDLE HOLDER. IT IS ALSO FINE TO KEEP IT SIMPLE AND USE WHAT YOU HAVE ON HAND.

THE VIDEOS AND SCRIPTURE LISTED ARE FROM **THE BIBLE PROJECT'S ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** (ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE YOUVERSION BIBLE APP WITH VIDEOS AND READINGS). THE VIDEOS ARE GEARED TOWARDS OLDER CHILDREN AND ADULTS. **FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**, READ FROM A CHILDREN'S BIBLE WITH PICTURES ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH. EACH WEEK FOCUSES ON A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF THE STORY, SUCH AS THE PROPHETS, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN, AND FINALLY JOSEPH AND MARY. READ THE STORY TO THEM, ACT IT OUT, OR "PLAY" IT TOGETHER WITH ACTION FIGURES. TRY SINGING THE SAME SONG EACH WEEK.

FOR MORE ADVENT IDEAS, CHECK OUT [HPCC.CHURCH/FAMILY](http://hpcc.church/family) OR LISTEN TO THE "RAISING PARENTS" PODCAST, "CREATING A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS." HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH, FAMILY MINISTRY