



# *Family Advent Study*



# Creating Your advent wreath



- **A small tabletop wreath about 12"**
- **5 Candles (These can be whatever size you prefer but you will light them almost everyday so choose wisely)**
  - 3 Purple Candles
  - 1 Pink Candle
  - 1 White Candle
- **Candle Holders for the Candles**
- **Place the candles as shown above with the white candle in the middle!**

# Advent Process

- **Week 1:** The Hope Candle (Purple)
- **Week 2:** The Peace Candle (Purple)
- **Week 3:** The Joy Candle (Pink)
- **Week 4:** The Love Candle (Purple)
- **Christmas Morning:** The Christ Candle (White)

Each week has 5 days of devotional content with discussion questions for young children and teens/adults. Adapt the daily content to do whatever is best for your family.

Each weekend has a Family Activity that you have the option of completing together!

We hope that this will be a beautiful time for your family to connect with each other and with Christ this Christmas season!

## Week 1 – Hope

### Candles to Light: Hope

#### Day 1: God Promises Hope (November 30th)

**Read:** “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned”- Isaiah 9:2

**Daily Devo:** Long ago, God’s people felt like they were living in darkness. Their land was filled with fear, hardship, and uncertainty. Yet even then, God gave them a promise: a great light was coming. That light would shine on everyone who felt lost or afraid. That promise was fulfilled when Jesus came into the world. He is the light that drives out darkness and brings lasting hope. No matter what we face, we can trust that His light shines over us. This Advent, as you light the candle of hope, remember that Jesus is with you. He is always near, always faithful, always bringing light into the dark places of our lives.

#### **Discuss:**

##### **Young Children**

1. What is something that you hope for?
2. What is something that makes you feel safe when it’s dark?
3. How does Jesus’ light make you feel brave?

##### **Teens/Adults**

4. What do you think “walking in darkness” looks like in your own life or in the world today?
5. When have you experienced the light of Christ breaking through a time of darkness and fear?
6. What helps you keep your hope rooted in God’s promises when you can’t see the light clearly?
7. How can you be a reflection of God’s light to someone who is struggling to find hope right now?

## **Day 2: God Keeps His Promises (December 1st)**

**Read:** “God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill? - Numbers 23:19

**Daily Devo:** People sometimes break promises. It's not always because they want to, but because we're limited. We forget, we fail, or circumstances change. But God is not like that. Every promise He makes is sure. He never forgets, never fails, and never changes His mind. God's people waited hundreds of years for the Messiah to come, and He fulfilled that promise in Jesus. When we struggle to wait for God to move in our own lives, we can look back and remember His faithfulness throughout Scripture. The same God who kept His promises then still keeps them now. His timing may be different than ours, but His word always comes true.

### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. Who always tells the truth, God or people?
2. What's a promise someone has kept to you? How did it make you feel?

#### **Teens/Adults**

3. Why do you think God sometimes allows us to wait a long time before fulfilling His promises?
4. What can you learn about God's character by studying the promises He has already kept in Scripture?
5. What promise of God are you holding onto right now?
6. What promise has God already fulfilled in your life?

### **Day 3: Waiting with Hope (December 2nd)**

**Read:** “I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning” - Psalm 130:5-6

**Daily Devo:** Advent is a season of waiting, just like God’s people once waited for the Messiah to come. Waiting isn’t easy for any of us. We want things to happen quickly, but God often uses seasons of waiting to shape us and draw us closer to Him. The psalmist compares waiting on God to a watchman waiting for morning. The night may feel long and uncertain, but morning always comes. In the same way, God’s light will always break through. Waiting with hope means trusting that God is still working, even when we can’t see it.

#### **Discuss:**

##### **Young Children**

1. What is something you have to wait for?
2. Why is waiting so hard?
3. How can we remind ourselves that God is working while we wait?

##### **Teens/Adults**

4. How do you usually respond when God asks you or requires you to wait for something?
5. What does it look like to wait with hope instead of impatience or worry?
6. How has waiting shaped your faith in God?
7. If you knew that God’s delays were always meant for your good, how would that change the way you wait?

## **Day 4: Hope is in Jesus (December 3rd)**

**Read:** “In His name the nations will put their hope.”- Matthew 12:21

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”- Hebrews 6:19

**Daily Devo:** We live in a world full of uncertainty. People search for hope in success, relationships, wealth, or achievement; but none of those things last. They shift and fade with time. The hope we have in Jesus is different. It’s not based on our circumstances; it’s anchored in who He is. He is faithful, unchanging, and strong. When everything else feels unstable, His love holds us steady. Jesus doesn’t just give us hope; He *is* our hope.

### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. What is something that makes you happy for a little while?
2. What is something that makes you happy that lasts a long time?
3. How can we remember to hope in Jesus more than those things?

#### **Teens/Adults**

4. What are some things people often put their hope in that eventually disappoint them?
5. How does the picture of Jesus as an “anchor for the soul” encourage you when life feels uncertain or unstable?
6. What daily habits help you keep your heart anchored to Christ when everything else around you changes?

## **Day 5: Hope for ALL People (December 4th)**

**Read:** “But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.’”- Luke 2:10-11

**Daily Devo:** When Jesus was born, the angels didn't appear to kings or rulers, they came to shepherds, ordinary people working in the fields. That moment reminds us that the good news of Jesus is for everyone, not just for the powerful or the religious. The hope of Christmas reaches into every heart and every home. Jesus came to bring salvation, healing, and love to *all people*. His invitation is wide open, no one is too far gone or too unworthy. This Advent, let's not keep that hope to ourselves, but share it freely with others who need to hear the good news.

### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. Who did the angels tell the good news to?
2. Why do you think the angels went to the shepherds first?
3. Who could you tell about Jesus' love and hope?

#### **Teens/Adults**

4. What does it reveal about God's heart that He chose to announce Jesus' birth to shepherds first?
5. How can you make space in your life for people who may feel unseen or forgotten, the way Jesus did?
6. How do you think we should share the hope of Jesus with people who don't know him?
7. Who is one person that you want to know about Jesus?

**Closing:** As a family, pray for each person you want to come to know Jesus and have everlasting hope!

### **Weekend Family Activity**

**Challenge:** Bake some treats and share them with a neighbor, friend, or someone you know that needs encouragement. Let this represent how we should always share hope with others! Feel free to write a kind note to stick with your treats, a kind word can bring hope and happiness to so many people!



## Week 2 – Peace

### Candles to Light: Hope + Peace

#### Day 1: Jesus is Our Peace (December 7th)

**Read:** "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end" - Isaiah 9:6-7

**Daily Devo:** When Isaiah spoke these words, God's people were surrounded by fear, violence, and uncertainty. They longed for peace; not just an end to war, but a deep, lasting peace that would settle their hearts. Isaiah's prophecy pointed forward to the coming of Jesus, the *Prince of Peace*. His peace is more than quiet moments or calm feelings; it's the wholeness and safety of knowing God is near and in control. Even when life feels messy or out of balance, Jesus rules over it all. His peace isn't shaken by chaos, and His presence brings stability to anxious hearts. Because of Him, we can rest knowing that His peace has no end.

#### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. What helps you feel calm when you're scared?
2. Why do you think Jesus is called the Prince of Peace?
3. How does knowing Jesus help you feel safe?

#### **Teens/ Adults**

4. When life feels unsettled, what do you usually turn to for a sense of peace? Does it truly last?
5. Isaiah's prophecy was given to people currently living in fear. How does that make Jesus' title "Prince of Peace" even more meaningful?
6. What would it look like for Jesus to truly reign as the Prince of Peace in your thoughts, your relationships, and your home this week?
7. How does His promise of "peace with no end" shape the way you handle fear or uncertainty today?

## **Day 2: Peace with God (December 8th)**

**Read:** “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God” - Romans 5:1-2

**Daily Devo:** Because of sin, people were separated from God, unable to fix the brokenness that sin caused. But God didn't leave us that way. He sent Jesus to restore what was lost. On the cross, Jesus took the punishment we deserved so that we could be forgiven and welcomed back into God's family. This is the greatest peace of all, peace with God. It means we don't have to live in guilt, shame, or fear of judgment. When we trust in Jesus, we are covered by His grace and made completely right with God. That peace frees us to live with joy, confidence, and gratitude every day.

### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. What makes a good friend?
2. How has Jesus been a good friend to you?

#### **Teens/Adults**

3. How does knowing that you are forgiven and justified change the way you see yourself and others?
4. What does it mean to “stand in grace”? How might this truth transform how you approach your daily struggles or failures?
5. How does having peace *with* God equip you to live as a messenger of peace *for* God in a divided world?

### **Day 3: Peace in Hard Times (December 9th)**

**Read:** “ I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” - John 16:33

**Daily Devo:** Jesus never promised that life would be easy. In fact, He told His followers to expect trouble, pain, and disappointment. But in the same breath, He offered a promise: *“In Me you may have peace.”* This peace doesn’t come from pretending things are fine. It comes from knowing that even in our hardest moments, Jesus has already overcome the world. His victory on the cross means that no struggle, loss, or fear can separate us from His love. When life feels heavy, we can rest in His strength; the peace that holds us steady when everything else shakes.

**Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. Who helps you when you’re sad or scared?
2. Do you think Jesus is bigger and stronger than our problems?
3. How does knowing Jesus make you feel brave?

#### **Teens/ Adults**

4. How do you think peace and pain can exist together in the life of a believer?
5. What truth about Jesus helps you stay grounded when everything feels uncertain?
6. How would your response to difficulty change if you truly believed that peace doesn’t depend on circumstances but on Christ’s victory?

### **Day 4: Peace with Others (December 10th)**

**Read:** “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God” - Matthew 5:9

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” - Romans 12:18

**Daily Devo:** Peace isn't just something we keep inside, it's something we share. Jesus calls His followers to be peacemakers: people who forgive, show kindness, and help bring reconciliation instead of conflict. That's not always easy. But every time we choose peace over pride or grace over bitterness, we reflect the heart of our Father. Being a peacemaker doesn't mean we avoid hard conversations; it means we enter them with humility and love. When we choose to live at peace with others, we show the world what it looks like to belong to God's family.

#### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. How can you be kind when someone hurts your feelings?
2. What does being a peacemaker look like at school or with your friends?
3. How can you help your family show peace at home?

#### **Teens/Adults**

4. What relationships in your life need the restoring power of God's peace right now?
5. How does pride or fear often get in the way of you being a peacemaker?
6. How might living as a peacemaker change the culture of your family, friendships, or community this Advent season?

## **Day 5: Peace that Guards our Hearts (December 11th)**

**Read:** “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6-7

**Daily Devo:** Worry and anxiety can creep into our hearts easily. We start to imagine every “what if” and forget that God is near. But Paul reminds us that instead of carrying our worries, we can bring them to God in prayer. When we do, His peace begins to protect our hearts like a strong fortress. This peace doesn’t mean our problems vanish; it means we’re no longer ruled by fear. God’s peace steadies our minds and reminds us that He is in control. Each time we choose prayer over panic, we open the door for His calm to fill our hearts.

### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. What do you do when you feel worried or scared?
2. How does praying help us when we feel anxious?
3. Who can you talk to when you’re scared besides God?

#### **Teens/ Adults**

4. What kinds of worries steal your peace? What might those worries reveal about what you value or fear losing?
5. Describe a time when prayer brought you peace even though your situation didn’t change. What did you learn about God in that moment?
6. What would it look like to cultivate a rhythm of peace through prayer and gratitude in your daily life?

**Closing:** Everyone shares one thing you are worried about and pray that those worries would have no impact on your day.

### **Weekend Family Activity**

**Challenge:** Make hot chocolate as a family and write peace cards for yourself to use throughout the week. Each card represents an action. **For Example:** give someone a hug, forgive quickly, help a sibling out, etc.. Your challenge is to use each card/complete each action at least once that next week, representing kind actions that make you a peacemaker.

**Week 3 –Joy**  
**Candles to Light: Hope, Peace, + Joy**

**Day 1: Joy in God’s Presence (December 14th)**

**Read:** “You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. I will keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” — Psalm 16:11

**Daily Devo:**

We often think joy depends on our circumstances. A good day, good news, or things going our way. But Scripture tells a different story. True joy comes from being in God’s presence. David wrote this psalm during uncertain times, yet he discovered that being close to God filled him with joy that no hardship could take away. God’s presence brings peace to anxious hearts, comfort to the weary, and hope to those who feel forgotten. When we pause to pray, to worship, or to simply sit quietly with the Lord, we’re reminded that He’s near. Joy doesn’t wait for everything to be perfect, it’s found in His presence right now, right where you are.

**Discuss:**

**Young Children**

1. What makes you happy?
2. How does singing or praying to God bring you joy?

**Teens/ Adults**

3. When has God’s presence brought you joy even in a difficult season?
4. What keeps you from being fully aware of God’s presence throughout your day?
5. How does the practice of stillness or worship help you experience deeper joy?
6. What would it look like for you to pursue joy *through* God’s presence rather than *through* circumstances?

## **Day 2: Joy in the Good News (December 15th)**

**Read:** “The angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.’” — Luke 2:10

### **Daily Devo:**

The night Jesus was born, heaven couldn't stay silent. Angels filled the sky with songs of joy, announcing the best news the world had ever heard. This “good news” wasn't just for the powerful or the perfect, it was for shepherds, for everyday people, for all of us. At Christmas, we celebrate that God came near. He stepped into our world, not to judge, but to rescue. The Savior came wrapped in humility and love, bringing joy that would reach every heart willing to receive it. That same message still echoes today. Every time we share the story of Jesus, we're spreading the same good news. *“Do not be afraid , joy has come for all people.”*

### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. Who did the angels tell the good news to?
2. Why is Jesus' birth good news for us?

#### **Teens/Adults**

3. The angels declare joy “for all people.” What does that reveal about God's heart and His kingdom?
4. How has the good news of Jesus personally transformed your outlook on life, suffering, or identity?
5. Who in your life might need to experience this “good news of great joy” through you, and how can you share it?

### **Day 3: Joy in Serving Others (December 16th)**

**Read:** “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” - Acts 20:35

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” - 1 Peter 4:10

**Daily Devo:** The world often tells us joy comes from getting more; more things, more attention, more success. But Jesus turned that idea upside down. He said real joy is found in giving and serving others. When we help someone, listen to them, or meet a need, we’re showing them what God’s love looks like. And in doing that, joy grows inside us. It’s not the shallow joy that fades after a gift or a good day. It’s the deep, steady joy that comes from being part of God’s work in the world. This Advent, look for small ways to give.

#### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. How do you feel when you help someone?
2. What’s one kind thing you can do today?
3. Who is someone you can show kindness to this week?

#### **Teens/Adults**

1. How does serving others connect you to the heart of Jesus, who “came not to be served but to serve”?
2. What might God be inviting you to give as an act of joy this week? Your time, compassion, or forgiveness?
3. How can your family joyfully serve together during Advent?



## **Day 4: Choosing Joy Even When it's Hard (December 17th)**

**Read:** “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”- James 1:2-4

**Daily Devo:** It's hard to think about joy when life hurts. Yet Scripture invites us to find joy even in trials. Not because the pain is good, but because God is good and He's at work through it. This doesn't mean pretending to be happy about disappointment or grief. It means trusting that God is using our struggles to shape us, strengthen us, and draw us closer to Him. Joy doesn't ignore hardship; it grows through it.

When you face challenges this week, remember that God is with you and He's writing a story bigger than this moment. His promise is that joy will come again.

### **Discuss:**

#### **Young Children**

1. What helps you when you feel sad or scared?
2. How can we remember that God is with us when things are hard?
3. Can you think of a time God helped you when you were sad?

#### **Teens/Adults**

4. What does it look like to “consider” something joyful even when you don't *feel* joy?
5. How have you seen perseverance in your faith produce a deeper sense of joy or peace?
6. What do you think God might be refining or strengthening in you through your current challenges?

## **Day 5: Joy That Lasts (December 18th)**

**Read:** “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s command and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”- John 15:11

**Daily Devo:** As Advent continues, we remember that true joy doesn’t fade when the decorations come down or the gifts are gone. The joy Jesus gives is different, it lasts. His joy flows from an unbreakable connection to the Father’s love, and He invites us to share in that same joy. When we stay close to Jesus through prayer, obedience, and trust, His joy fills us even in changing seasons. The world offers happiness that depends on what’s happening, but Jesus offers joy that remains steady because it’s rooted in His love. As you celebrate His coming, remember: lasting joy isn’t found in things but in knowing the One who gives life to the fullest.

### **Discuss**

#### **Young Children**

1. Who gives us joy that never goes away?
2. How can we stay close to Jesus each day?
3. What makes Jesus happy when he looks at you?

#### **Teens/Adults**

4. What is the difference between temporary happiness and lasting joy? Is there anything you’ve looked for joy or satisfaction in that didn’t last?
5. How can you stay connected to Jesus so that His joy fills your life? How does staying connected to Jesus change the way you handle disappointment?
6. How can you share Christ’s lasting joy with someone who’s searching for meaning this season

## **Weekend Family Activity**

**Family Challenge:** As a family, think of someone that you think might be lonely or going through a hard time this Christmas season. Then deliver a “Joy Basket” with treats, snacks or handmade cards. Do something for them that you think will bring a smile to their face and remind them they aren’t alone!

**Alternate Challenge:** As a family, keep a “Joy Journal”. For the next few days, tape a piece of paper somewhere you all can see and let each family member write things down that brought them joy each day. Let this be a reminder of the way that God’s joy has shown up for you and your family!

## Week 4- Love

### Candles to Light: Hope, Peace, Joy + Love

#### Family Activity

We have spent the last few weeks talking about the Hope we have in Jesus, the Joy that we find through having a relationship with Him, the Peace He gives us and now we'll discuss His perfect Love that He has shown us. We want to spread the good news with everyone around us. Your family challenge this week is to invite someone to Christmas Eve service with you! Even if they say no, it's about trying to spread the good news and introduce others to the hope we have in Jesus!

#### Day 1: Love Came Down (December 21st)

**Read:** "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9

**Daily Devo:** The story of Christmas begins with love – not the kind we earn, but the kind that freely gives. God saw a broken world and chose to send His Son, not to condemn it, but to save it. Love came down in the form of a baby. Jesus is the proof that God's love isn't distant or conditional; it's personal, present, and powerful. As we remember the birth of Jesus, we remember what love really looks like: God reaching down to bring us close. His love changes everything – it gives us worth, hope, and a reason to love others the same way.

#### Discuss

#### Young Children

1. Who did God send to show His love?
2. How do you know that God loves you?
3. How can you love someone this week?

#### Teens/Adults

4. How does understanding God's love for you change the way you see yourself?
5. When you think about God sending His Son, what does that tell you about the depth of His love for you?
6. Where in your life right now do you need to rest in the truth that God's love is personal and present; not distant or conditional?

## **Day 2: Loving When It's Not Easy (December 22nd)**

**Read:** “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” - Matthew 5:44

**Daily Devo:** Jesus taught a love that goes far beyond what feels comfortable or fair. It's easy to love people who love us back, but He calls us to love even when it's hard. This kind of love isn't weak, it's powerful. It disarms anger, heals division, and points people to the heart of Christ. Loving difficult people doesn't mean we ignore truth or accept hurtful behavior. It means we choose to respond with grace, forgiveness, and compassion instead of bitterness. When we love like Jesus, we shine His light into dark places and show the world that love really can change hearts.

**Discuss:**

### **Young Children**

1. Is it hard to be kind to someone who isn't kind to you?
2. What can you do when someone hurts your feelings?
3. Do you find it hard to pray for people that are hard to love?

### **Teens/Young Adults**

4. Who in your life is difficult to love, and what might God want to teach you through that relationship?
5. What fears or self-protections keep you from loving others like Jesus did?
6. How does praying for someone who has hurt you begin to transform your heart?
7. How could loving someone who doesn't "deserve" it be a reflection of the gospel in your own life?

### **Day 3: Love in Action (December 23)**

**Read:** “Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth.”- 1 John 3:18

**Daily Devo:** Love is more than something we say, it’s something we do. Jesus didn’t just tell people He loved them; He showed it by meeting needs, healing hearts, and laying down His life. True love takes action. It listens, serves, gives, and shows up. This week, think about what love looks like in motion. Maybe it’s helping a neighbor, writing a note of encouragement, or giving your time to someone who needs it. Every act of love, no matter how small, echoes the heart of Christ and makes His presence known in the world.

#### **Discuss**

##### **Young Children**

1. What is something kind you are going to do today?
2. How does it feel when someone is kind to you?
3. Why is it important to show love and not just say it?

##### **Teens/Adults**

1. What does “love in action” look like in your relationships, not just in what you say, but how you live?
2. What keeps you from taking the next step to love someone practically or sacrificially?
3. How might serving others with no expectation of return change your understanding of God’s love for you?

#### **Day 4: Christmas Eve (December 24th)**

**Read:** “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.” - Luke 2:8-11

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” - John 1:5

**Daily Devo:** Tonight is the night the world waited for! The night when hope finally broke through the darkness. For centuries, God’s people had waited for the promised Savior. They wondered if God had forgotten, if His promises would ever come true. And then, on a quiet night in Bethlehem, Heaven broke its silence. The first to hear the news weren’t kings or priests, but shepherds, ordinary people doing ordinary work. Yet God chose them to receive an extraordinary message: *the Savior has come*. As they looked up at the sky, the darkness of night was flooded with light, and fear turned into joy. That’s what Jesus does. He enters our ordinary lives and fills them with the light of His love.

**Christmas Eve reminds us that God always keeps His promises, even if they take time. The waiting wasn’t wasted , it was preparing hearts for the moment light would dawn. Tonight, as we pause in the stillness, we remember that the same Savior born in Bethlehem is still shining His light in our world and in our hearts.**

## Day 5: The Gift of Jesus (December 25th)

### **Candles Lit: Hope, Joy, Peace, Love, and the Christ Candle**

**Read:** “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.” - Luke 2:11

**Daily Devo:** It’s finally here! Christmas Day! The waiting, the hoping, the preparing, it all leads to this moment. But Christmas is about more than gifts or lights; it’s about a promise fulfilled. God Himself came to be with us. When Jesus was born, heaven touched earth. The Creator stepped into His creation, not as a mighty king, but as a tiny baby in a manger. The same God who spoke stars into being came close enough for us to hold. That’s what Christmas means: *God with us*. Because of Jesus, we don’t have to wonder if God cares or if He sees us. He came to show us His love, to rescue us from sin, and to bring light into every dark place. The manger points us to the cross and both tell the same story: *you are deeply loved*. As you celebrate today, pause to remember the greatest gift of all. Jesus, God’s love wrapped in flesh, given freely for the world.

As you gather with loved ones, remember that Christmas is more than a day, it’s a declaration that *God is with us*. His presence brings hope when we feel uncertain, peace when life feels heavy, joy that outlasts circumstances, and love that never ends.

This Christmas, may your home be filled with the wonder of the shepherds, the faith of Mary and Joseph, and the peace of Christ Himself. And as the season continues, may you carry the light of Jesus wherever you go — into your family, your work, your friendships, and your world.