Shoreline City Advent

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What Is Advent

Advent is a special time in the church year when we prepare for and celebrate the birth of Jesus. The word “Advent” means “coming, ” because during this season we remember God’s promise to send a Savior and get ready to welcome Him. Each week of Advent reminds us of something special that Jesus brings — Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. It is a time of waiting with excitement, thinking about God’s love, and doing little things each day to honor Him, like reading Bible stories, singing songs, or showing kindness to others. As we light a new candle each week and draw closer to Christmas, our hearts fill with hope, peace, love, and joy — and we celebrate Jesus’ birthday, the greatest gift of all!

How To Use This Guideline

Here’s how you can use it:

READ TOGETHER: Each day, gather as a family to read the Bible verse and devotional aloud.

DISCUSS: Talk about the questions together and let your child share what they think and feel about the story. Every answer matters!

PRAY: Conclude with the daily prayer, or create your own as a family.

LIGHT A CANDLE: At the beginning of each week, light the candle associated with that week’s theme (Hope, Peace, Joy, Love), as indicated at the start of each week’s section.

MEMORY VERSE: Each day, read and repeat the verse together to help your child learn and remember God’s Word.

The Advent book is a tool to help you grow closer to Jesus as a family during this special season. May this time fill your home with joy as you create sweet memories and celebrate the miracle of Jesus’ birth together.

Week One: Hope

MEMORY VERSE:
Isaiah 9:6 ICB — “A child will be born to us. God will give a son to us. He will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace.”

God gave a very special promise long ago. He said that a baby would be born who would help and lead His people. This baby is Jesus! His names tell us so much about Him: Wonderful Counselor (He gives us the best advice), Powerful God (He can do anything!), Father Who Lives Forever (He loves us forever), and Prince of Peace (He brings peace to our hearts). Jesus is our hope because He is always with us, helping us, loving us, and giving us peace. Even when things feel hard or scary, we can remember that Jesus came to bring light, love, and hope to the world! As we light this candle, we remember that Jesus is our hope. His light shines in our hearts and in the whole world!

NOVEMBER 29

The Promise of Jesus

What an amazing promise God gave us! Long, long ago, the prophet Isaiah told everyone that a very special child would be born. This child would be a leader, and He would have the most wonderful names: Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, and Prince of Peace.

Imagine having a friend who gives the best advice, has all the power in the world, loves you forever like a good father, and brings peace wherever He goes. That amazing friend is Jesus!

This verse reminds us that God always keeps His promises. Even before Jesus was born, God had a plan to send Him to us to bring hope, peace, love, and joy. Just like we prepare for Christmas, God was preparing the world for Jesus to come. And because Jesus came, we can always have these amazing gifts in our hearts.

Let's thank God today for sending us Jesus—our Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, and Prince of Peace!

Questions:
1. What promise did God keep when Jesus was born?
2. How does Jesus give you hope?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for coming to bring us hope. I'm so glad you keep every promise! Amen.

NOVEMBER 30

God's Love for Us

John 3:16 ICB — "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life."

What an amazing gift God gave us! He loved everyone in the world so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to us. This means that if we believe in Jesus, we will never be lost, but will have life with Him forever!

Imagine your very best friend or family member giving you the most wonderful present you could ever wish for. That's a little bit like what God did for us—but even better! He loved us so much that He gave us Jesus, so we can always be with Him and know His love. It's the biggest, most special gift of all!

Questions:
1. What is the amazing gift God gave us?
2. How does God's love make you feel?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus. We are so happy for your amazing gift. Amen.

DECEMBER 1

The Angel Gabriel Appears to Zechariah

Luke 1:13 ICB — “But the angel said to him,
‘Zechariah, don’t be afraid. Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to a son, and you will name him John.’”

Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, really, really wanted a baby, but they were very old, and it seemed like it would never happen. One day, while Zechariah was doing his important job in the temple, guess who showed up? An angel named Gabriel!

Now, angels are super special messengers from God, and sometimes they can be a little surprising! Gabriel told Zechariah, “Don’t be afraid! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will have a baby boy, and you will name him John.”

Wow! Can you imagine how surprised Zechariah must have been? He had prayed for a baby for so long, and now God was answering in a wonderful way! This story reminds us that God hears our prayers, even when we think it’s impossible. He has special plans, and sometimes He sends amazing messages through angels—or even through a quiet feeling in our hearts. God always keeps His promises, and He loves to surprise us with His goodness!

Questions:
1. What big news did the angel Gabriel tell Zechariah?
2. Have you ever prayed for something and God answered in a special way?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for hearing our prayers and for your amazing plans. Help us to trust you, even when things seem impossible. Amen.

DECEMBER 2

The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary

Luke 1:30–31 ICB — “The angel said to her, ‘Don’t be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. Listen! You will become pregnant. You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.’”

The angel Gabriel, God’s special messenger, had a very important message for a young woman named Mary. Mary was probably going about her day—maybe helping around the house or thinking about her future—when suddenly Gabriel appeared! Can you imagine how surprised she must have been?

Gabriel told Mary, “Don’t be afraid, Mary, because God is pleased with you. Listen! You will become pregnant, give birth to a son, and you will name Him Jesus. ”
Wow! This was huge news! Mary was going to have a baby, and this baby would be God’s Son—Jesus. God chose Mary for this incredibly special task, and He was so pleased with her.

This story reminds us that God has amazing plans for each of us. Sometimes His plans might seem surprising or even a little bit scary, but we can trust that God is with us, and He is pleased when we listen to Him. Just like Mary, we can be a part of God’s wonderful story.

Questions:
1. What amazing news did the angel Gabriel tell Mary?
2. How do you think Mary felt when she heard the news?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for having special plans for us. Help us to be brave and say "yes"
to what You ask us to do, just like Mary. Amen.

DECEMBER 3

Mary Trusts God

Luke 1:38 ICB —
“Mary said, ‘I am the servant of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!’ Then the angel went away.”

Mary had just been told that she was going to have a very special baby—God’s Son, Jesus. That’s big news, right? Mary could have been scared or wondered how it would all work, but instead, she chose to trust God. She said, “I am the servant of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!” Then the angel went away.

Mary showed amazing trust in God, even though what was happening was brand new and
probably a little scary. She believed that God would take care of everything, just as He said He
would.

Questions:
1. Can you think of a time when you had to trust God, even when things felt a little unsure?
2. How does Mary’s example help you think about trusting God in your own life?

Prayer: “Dear God, thank You for Mary’s example of trusting You. Help me say ‘yes’ to Your plans and trust that You are always with me. Amen.”

DECEMBER 4

Joseph's Dream

Matthew 1:20–21 ICB — “While Joseph thought about this, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, ‘Joseph, descendant of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby that is growing inside her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.’”

Joseph was feeling unsure about what to do—until God sent an angel to help him. The angel told Joseph that Mary’s baby was special and that he would be called Jesus, the one who would save the world.

Even when Joseph didn’t understand everything, he trusted God and chose to obey. God showed him the plan and gave him peace.

We can trust God too! When things don’t make sense, God is always working out something good—just like He did for Joseph.

Questions:
1. How did God help Joseph know what to do?
2. What does it mean to trust God even when we don’t understand?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for helping us like you helped Joseph. Help me trust you and
obey you every day. Amen.

DECEMBER 5

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Luke 1:41–42 ICB — “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the unborn baby inside her jumped. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She cried out, ‘God has blessed you more than any other woman, and God has blessed the baby to which you will give birth!’”

Mary went to visit Elizabeth after hearing God’s wonderful news. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby inside her jumped, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit! Elizabeth was so happy to see Mary and celebrated the special baby she was carrying—Jesus!

Just like Mary and Elizabeth, we can celebrate what God is doing and encourage one another. Sharing God’s love brings joy!”

Questions:
1. What happened when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting?
2. How can you encourage someone and share God’s love today?

Prayer: “Dear God, thank You for people who encourage us and celebrate with us. Help me share Your love and bring joy to others. Amen.”

Week Two: Peace



MEMORY VERSE:
Luke 2:4–5 ICB — “So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. He went there because he was from the family of David. Joseph registered with Mary because she was engaged to marry him. (Mary was now pregnant.)”

Jesus is the Prince of Peace because He brings calm, love, and comfort to our hearts. Even when life feels busy, noisy, or confusing, Jesus gives us peace that lasts. He helps us trust God, forgive others, and show kindness to everyone around us. Jesus’ peace isn’t just for us—it is meant to shine through us so we can help others feel His love and calm too. Because Jesus came, we can have hope, joy, and peace in our hearts every day.

As we light this candle, we remember that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, fills the world with His love and brings calm, hope, and joy to our hearts.

DECEMBER 6

The Journey Begins

Mary and Joseph had to take a long trip to a town called Bethlehem. Even though the journey was hard, they trusted God and followed His plan. God was leading them right to the place where Jesus would be born!

Sometimes God asks us to take steps of faith too. We might not know everything ahead, but we can trust that God is guiding us—just like He guided Mary and Joseph.

Questions
1. Where were Mary and Joseph traveling to?
2. How can you trust God when you don't know what's next?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for leading Mary and Joseph on their journey. Help me to trust you every step of the way. Amen.

DECEMBER 7

No Room at the Inn

Luke 2:7 ICB —
“She gave birth to her first son. There were no rooms left in the inn, so she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed.”

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, there were no rooms left for them to stay in. So baby Jesus was born in a quiet stable, surrounded by animals. It might not have seemed like the perfect place, but it was exactly where God planned for Jesus to be born.

This reminds us that even when things don’t go the way we expect, God’s plan is still perfect. Jesus came humbly, showing us that what matters most isn’t how fancy something looks—it’s that God is with us wherever we are.

Questions
1. Where was baby Jesus born?
2. How does this story show that God’s plan is always good?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank you for coming to earth in such a special way. Help my heart always make room for you.

DECEMBER 8

Making Room for Jesus

Revelation 3:20 ICB — Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him. And he will eat with me.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and He wants to be close to us. He gently knocks at the door of our hearts, inviting us to let Him in. When we make room for Jesus, He fills us with His calmness, love, and joy. Even when life feels busy or noisy, Jesus helps us feel peace inside and reminds us that we are never alone.

Questions:
1. What are some ways you can make room for Jesus in your heart today?
2. How do you feel when Jesus is close to you?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for wanting to be with me. Help me make room for You in my heart and let Your peace, love, and joy fill my life. Amen.

DECEMBER 9

Animals in the Stable

Isaiah 1:3 ICB — “The ox knows its master, and the donkey knows where its owner feeds it. But Israel does not know me; my people do not understand.”

When Jesus was born, He was surrounded by gentle animals in the stable. The ox and donkey were right there near baby Jesus, resting close to their Creator. Even the animals seemed to know that something amazing was happening!

Questions:
1. What animals do you think were in the stable with baby Jesus?
2. How can you make room for Jesus in your heart this week?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for being with us just like You were in the stable. Help me feel Your peace and remember that You are always close. Amen.

DECEMBER 10

Getting Ready for Jesus

Luke 3:4 ICB — “This is a voice of a man who calls out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make the road straight for him.”

Before Jesus began his work on earth, God sent a man named John the Baptist to help people get ready. John told everyone to turn their hearts back to God and make room for Jesus.

Getting ready for Jesus isn’t just about cleaning our homes or wrapping gifts; it’s about preparing our hearts. When we choose kindness, forgiveness, and love, we make a special place for Jesus to shine in our lives.

Questions
1. What do you think it means to get ready for Jesus?
2. What are some ways you can show love to others this week?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for loving me. Help me make room in my heart for Jesus and get ready for all that you want to do in my life.

DECEMBER 11

The Night Before Jesus Is Born

Micah 5:2 ICB — “Bethlehem, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come a ruler for Israel for me. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation, to long, long ago.”

God promised that a very special ruler would come from a small town called Bethlehem. God chose it to be the home of the greatest gift the world would ever receive, Jesus!

The night before Jesus was born must have been quiet and full of wonder. God was getting ready to keep his promise and bring light into the world. This reminds us that God can use small places and ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Questions:
1. Where was Jesus born?
2. What are some ways you can share God’s love and light with others?

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for keeping Your promise and sending Jesus, the greatest gift. Help me remember that, you can do amazing things through small places and ordinary people even me!

DECEMBER 12

Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:6–7 ICB — “While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him with cloths, and laid him in a box where animals are fed.”

Jesus was born in a very simple and humble place—a stable where animals were fed. Mary wrapped Him carefully in cloths and laid Him in a manger. Even though He didn’t come in a big palace, Jesus came to bring something much greater: love, peace, and joy for everyone in the world. His birth reminds us that God’s greatest gifts are often found in simple, quiet ways, and that we can share His love with others every day.

Questions:
1. Why do you think Jesus chose to come to the world in such a simple and humble way?
2. How can you show love, peace, and joy to others like Jesus did?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for coming to earth to be my Savior and friend. Help me to share Your love, peace, and joy with everyone around me.

Week Three: Joy



MEMORY VERSE:
Luke 2:10–11 ICB — “But the angel said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid. I bring you good news that will be a joy to all the people. Today your Savior was born in David’s town. He is Christ, the Lord.’”

Joy! Joy to the World — our Savior has come! I wonder if this is what the shepherds were singing when the angels came to tell them the good news that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. That night was filled with so much happiness because Jesus had finally come! The shepherds ran into town, probably laughing and singing as they hurried to see baby Jesus. We can find joy in so many things this season — singing Christmas songs with our families, playing with friends, and even remembering special people we love who are in heaven. No matter what, we can always have joy because Jesus is the reason for our joy — He was born to bring love and hope to the world!

To remember Jesus and our reason for joy this season, let’s light our Joy candle and thank God for sending us His Son!

DECEMBER 13

We Celebrate Jesus' Birth

JESUS IS BORN!!!! IT'S A PARTY!!!

We get to celebrate that Jesus is here — the Savior the world was waiting for! He came as a tiny baby, wrapped in soft clothes, born in a simple manger, just for you and me. One day, we get to be with Him forever! Jesus is the reason we get to be together today, singing, laughing, and celebrating. Let's thank God for sending His Son and share the good news — Jesus came to save us, and that's the best reason to celebrate!

Questions:
1. If you were to go to Jesus' party, what would you bring?
2. Why do you think we celebrate Jesus' birthday?

Prayer: Thank You Jesus for You! I am so happy I get to celebrate Your birthday! Thank You for coming to save me!

DECEMBER 14

The Shepherds Hear the Good News

Luke 2:8–15 ICB — “That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and suddenly they became very frightened. The angel said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people. Today your Savior was born in David’s town. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a feeding box.’ Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel. All the angels were praising God, saying ‘Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God.’”

Have you ever been sleeping or taking a nap and suddenly gotten startled—maybe by your sibling or by your mom or dad checking on you? That surprise feeling might be a little like what the shepherds felt that night while they were watching their sheep in the fields near where Jesus was born.

Suddenly, angels appeared to them! Can you imagine how shocking and maybe even a little scary that must have been? But the angels said, “Don’t be afraid! We bring good news!”

The shepherds were the very first people to hear about Jesus’ birth. The angels were sharing something amazing—good news that would change their lives and the whole world! Even though the shepherds were startled at first, the angels reminded them not to be afraid because this was joyful news for everyone to celebrate! 🎉✨

Questions:

1. What is the good news that the Angels were telling the shepherds?
2. How can you tell your friends about the good news this week?

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus and for the good news about His birth that we get to share. Just like the shepherds weren’t afraid when the angels told them the good news, help me to be brave and share the good news about Jesus with my friends! Amen.

DECEMBER 15

The Shepherds Visit Jesus

Luke 2:15–17 ICB — “Then the angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, ‘Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened. We will see this thing the Lord told us about.’ So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a feeding box. When they saw the baby, they told what the angels said about this child.”

Right after the shepherds heard the good news, they were so excited to go see the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes—our Savior of the world! 🎉

Isn’t it so cool that the shepherds were the very first people to meet Jesus and tell Mary and Joseph everything the angels had said about him? Even more amazing, the shepherds were simple, ordinary people, but God chose them to be the first to visit Jesus!

What a special experience! And it’s so good to know that Jesus can use anyone—no matter who they are—to do amazing things! ✨

Questions:

1. How do you think the shepherds felt when they got to see baby Jesus for the first time?
2. What is one way you think Jesus could use you to do something amazing?

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, that you used the shepherds to be the first to meet you and tell Mary and Joseph all the amazing things the angels said about you. Lord, please help me to do amazing things for You and tell my friends all about You.

DECEMBER 16

Mary Treasures All These Things

Luke 2:19 ICB —
“But Mary continued to think about these things. She was trying to understand them.”

Mary was chosen by God to bring Jesus into the world — how amazing is that! She got to experience all the special moments around His birth, from the long journey to Bethlehem, to the angels singing, and the shepherds coming to see Him. Mary treasured all of these things in her heart because they were so special.

You can treasure things in your heart too! You can keep Jesus in your heart, remember your prayers, and notice the little blessings God gives you every day. Nothing is too small or too special to treasure in your heart with Jesus!

Questions
1. What is one thing that is special to you about Jesus?
2. How do you want to treasure that?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for all the special blessings in my life. Thank You that I can treasure these special things in my heart and tell You all about them!

DECEMBER 17

The Star in the Sky

Matthew 2:2 ICB —
“They asked,
‘Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east. We came to worship him.’”

When Jesus was born, a bright star appeared in the sky. This was a special star that helped guide the wise men to Jesus. It shone the night Jesus was born, and many people saw it and wondered what it meant. Some wise men saw the star and knew that our Savior had been born! They packed up their things and started to follow the star to find Jesus. When they asked around, no one knew where He was.

Isn’t it amazing that the star could be seen by everyone, but only the wise men understood what it meant? It’s a little like Jesus — everyone can know He is here, but not everyone talks to Him or welcomes Him into their heart. That’s why it’s so important to tell everyone the good news about Jesus!

Questions:
1. Who followed the bright star to find Jesus?
2. Why is it important to tell others the good news about Jesus?

Prayer: Dear Jesus,Thank You for being born and for letting us know about You. Help me to tell others
the good news about You and share Your love with everyone.

DECEMBER 18

The Wise Men Follow the Star

Matthew 2:9–10 ICB — “After the wise men heard the king, they left. The star they had seen in the east went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy.”

Have you ever gone on a treasure hunt, following a map and clues to find the treasure? The wise men did something like that when they saw the bright star in the sky. They followed it, keeping their eyes on the star, because it gave them hope to keep going. They knew that when they reached the star’s place, they would meet Jesus, and they were filled with so much joy!

Questions
1. What were the wise men following in the sky?
2. Why were they filled with so much Joy?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for guiding us like the star guided the wise men. Help me to follow You
and share Your love with others.

DECEMBER 19

The Long Journey

Matthew 2:1 ICB — “Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem.”

Have you ever gone on a long car trip or flown on a big airplane with your family? That’s a little like how the wise men felt. They saw the bright star in the sky and knew they had to go find our Savior, but it was a very long journey. They traveled all the way from the east to Jerusalem, but Jesus wasn’t there yet. I’m sure they felt a little disappointed, but they didn’t give up until they finally met Jesus. It was probably hard and dusty, but the wise men kept going until they reached the spot where Jesus was born.

Questions:
1. How do you think the wise men felt when they were on this long journey?
2. What should we do when we want to give up or something is hard?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for helping us keep going, even when things are hard. Help me to follow You and never give up.

Week Four: Love



MEMORY VERSE:
John 3:16: “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.”

Jesus is Love! He came to this earth because He loves us so much! He came as a tiny baby, born in a manger with animals, in one of the simplest places, just because He loves us. How amazing is that? He loves you so, so much, and there’s nothing you can do to make Him love you more or less. Every day, we see and read about how much Jesus loves us and how much He cares about all the little details of our lives. God is love, and when He looks at you, He sees how much He loves you — that’s why He sent Jesus, because His love for us is so big and amazing!

So remember to light the last candle and when you do it remember how much Jesus loves you!

DECEMBER 20

Jesus Welcomes The Children

Mark 10:13–16

One day, some children came to see Jesus! His helpers tried to stop them, but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me. ” He held the children in His arms and blessed them. Jesus loved each one! Jesus loves YOU, too! You are precious to Him. We can share His love by being kind, helping a friend, and taking turns. As we light our last candle, let’s remember: **Jesus loves me, and I can love others!**

Questions:

1. Who welcomed the children with open arms? **Jesus!**
2. Does Jesus love YOU? **Yes! Jesus loves me!**

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me! Help me be kind and share Your love with my friends. I love You! Amen.

DECEMBER 21

The Wise Men Give to Jesus

Matthew 2:11 ICB — “They came to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshiped the child. They opened the gifts they brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

After the long journey, the wise men finally arrived at the place where Jesus was — the star had led them right there! The first thing they did was bow down and worship Jesus, because they knew how special He was and that He was the promised Savior. Then they gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to honor Him!

Questions:
1. What kind of gifts did the wise men give Jesus?
2. Why did they worship Jesus?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for coming to be our Savior. Help me to give You my love and share Your love with others.

DECEMBER 22

We Can Give to Jesus Too

2 Corinthians 9:7 ICB — “Each one should give as he has decided in his heart to give. He should not give if it makes him unhappy or if he feels forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily.”

Remember how the wise men came to worship Jesus and gave Him gifts? We can do the same thing! We can give Jesus our time by reading our Bibles, our obedience by listening to our mommies, daddies, grandparents or teachers and our worship by singing and praising Him. Most importantly, we can give Him our hearts, because that’s where He gets to live!

Questions
1. What is one way you can give to Jesus?
2. Have you given Jesus your heart?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving me. Help me to give You my heart, obey You, and praise You every day.

DECEMBER 23

Jesus Is the Light of the World

John 8:12 ICB — “Later, Jesus talked to the people again. He said, ‘I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life.’”

You know all the candles you’ve been lighting each week? Did you know that Jesus is the Light of the World? Just like a candle burns and lights up a dark room, Jesus brings light into the world, and He can shine through you too! You can bring His light everywhere you go because Jesus lives in your heart. He doesn’t want you to hide your light — He wants you to shine bright for Him and share His love with everyone around you!

Questions:
1. Who is the Light of the World?
2. How does Jesus want you to shine your light?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for being the light of the world! Thank You for living inside of me and that I get to shine bright for You!

DECEMBER 24

The Night Before Christmas

Luke 2:14 ICB — “Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please God.”

It was a quiet and peaceful night — the very first “night before Christmas. ” The stars were shining, and the world was waiting for the most wonderful gift ever: Jesus! When He was born, the angels filled the sky with songs of joy and peace. Just like that night long ago, we can fill our hearts with peace as we wait and get ready to celebrate Jesus’ birthday. When we choose to be kind, patient, and thankful, we make room for His peace to shine in us!

Questions:
1. How do you think the shepherds felt on that peaceful night when they saw the angels?
2. What can you do this week to bring peace to your home or friends?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to bring peace to the world on that first Christmas night. Help me to slow down, feel Your peace, and share it with others. Fill my heart with joy as I get ready to celebrate You. Amen!

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