

WEEK 4

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

The Angels' Candle: PEACE

Light 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle.

Read Scripture:

- Luke 1:11-30, 2:8-14
- Matthew 2:13, Romans 5:1-2
- Hebrews 1:1-4, 14

Discuss:

- What are some of the ways that God uses angels to accomplish His work?
- Who has more power, angels or Jesus? Are angels created in God's image?
- How do we obtain the peace that the angels declared to the shepherds?

Sing:

Oh come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels
Oh come let us adore Him (3x)
Christ the Lord



CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

Christ's Candle: PURITY

Light all five candles.

Read Scripture:

- Jeremiah 29:13
- Matthew 2:1-12
- Philippians 2:5-11

Discuss:

- What does it mean when people say, "Wise men still seek him?"
- What sorts of things did Jesus give up in order to leave heaven and come to earth?
- Have you made Jesus the King of your life?

Sing:

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!



ADVENT 2011

Family devotions to prepare
your heart for Christmas.



WEEK 1

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

The Prophet's Candle: HOPE

Light the first purple candle.

Read Scripture:

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- John 1:1-9, Matthew 4:14-16
- Ephesians 5:8-11

Discuss:

- Isaiah was a great prophet who described Jesus in detail years before He was born. In what ways is the Isaiah 42 passage talking about Jesus?
- Find the verses in these scripture passages that refer to Jesus as a light. What does that mean to you?

Sing:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!



WEEK 2

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

The Bethlehem Candle: LOVE

Light 2 purple candles.

Read Scripture:

- 1 Samuel 17:12
- Micah 5:2
- Matthew 2:1-6, Romans 15:12

Discuss:

- Why is it significant that both Jesse and Jesus were from Bethlehem.
- If God had a purpose and plan for Bethlehem, do you think he might have a purpose and plan for Columbia? What could that be?

Sing:

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis deo
Gloria in excelsis deo



WEEK 3

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

The Shepherds' Candle: JOY

Light 2 purple candles and 1 pink candle.

Read Scripture:

- Isaiah 40:11
- 1 Sam 17:32-37
- Luke 2:8-16

Discuss:

- Isaiah foretold that the Messiah would come as a shepherd. David was a shepherd. Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd. Is it significant that the angels appeared to shepherds?
- Can you think of ways people are like sheep? Do we need a shepherd?

Sing:

Silent Night Holy Night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

