

# 2021 AT HOME ADVENT GUIDE

## WEEK 1 (Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>): Hope!

The promise of a Savior!

**What is Advent?** Advent (which means “coming” or “arrival”) begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. The celebration of Advent helps to focus our attention on Jesus Christ’s birth and ministry, as well as His promised return. Throughout the season, we are regularly and intentionally being reminded that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

### SCRIPTURE:

John 8:12, Isaiah 9:2-7

### QUESTIONS:

God planned the arrival of Jesus thousands of years before it happened, so what does that tell us about God?  
How does the light of Jesus in our world give us hope?  
In what ways can we allow the light of Jesus to shine through us?

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Monday: Jesus

Psalms 139, Isaiah 53, Matthew 21:11, Luke 2:11, Romans 11:26

Tuesday: Jesus is the Resurrection and the life

Luke 7:12-16, 8:41-56, John 11:39-45, Acts 3:15, Romans 8:18-25, Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 3:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-16, Revelation 1:18

Wednesday: Jesus is the King of Kings

Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 2:2, Luke 19:37-44, John 19:15-19, 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:15, Revelation 15:3, 19:16

Thursday: Jesus is the Light of the World

John 1:4-9, 12, 35-36, 1 John 1:5-7

Friday: Jesus is the Christ (Messiah)

Job, 19:25, Daniel 9:25, Matthew 2:4, 16:16, Luke 9:20, John 1:41

## WEEK 2 (Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>): Preparation!

The Prophets waited for a Messiah to come and save the people!

### SCRIPTURE:

John 1:4-5, Isaiah 40:3-5, Luke 1:26-38

### QUESTIONS:

God wanted His people to be ready for the coming Messiah, so He sent prophets throughout history to remind them to prepare their hearts for this event. He also sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What does this tell us about God?

How can we prepare our own hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Monday: Jesus is the Word of God

Genesis 1:3-31, John 1:1, 12:49, Romans 1:20, Revelation 19:13

Tuesday: Jesus is the Truth

John 14:6, 8:32, 3 John 3

Wednesday: Jesus is the Lion of Judah

Genesis 49:8-12, Psalm 2:10-12, Hosea 5:14, Matthew 21:12-13, Revelation 5:1-14

Thursday: Jesus is the Holy One of God

Leviticus 9-10, Psalm 16:10-11, Isaiah 41:14, Mark 1:24, John 6:69, Acts 3:14, 1 Peter 1:19, 2:22, 1 John 3:5

Friday: Jesus is The Lord of Lords

Jeremiah 23:6, Acts 10:36, 1 Corinthians 2:8, 1 Timothy 6:15

### **WEEK 3** (Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>): Joy!

The birth of Jesus brings joy to all who believe in Him!

#### **SCRIPTURE:**

Psalm 97:11-12, Matthew 2:10-11a, Luke 2:1-7

#### **QUESTIONS:**

When Jesus was born, God sent angels to announce the birth of Jesus and a star to celebrate! The wise men saw the star and traveled a long way to find and worship Jesus. What do these acts tell us about God?

How does the birth of Jesus give us joy?

In what ways can we spread the joy of Christmas to others?

#### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Monday: Jesus is the Great High Priest

Leviticus 16:1-34, 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 4:14-16, 6:19-7:28, 1 John 2:1

Tuesday: Jesus is the Alpha and Omega

John 1:3, 19:30, Hebrews 5:9, 12:2, 13:8, Revelation 1:8, 17

Wednesday: Jesus is the True Vine

Psalm 80:8-16, Isaiah 5:1-7

Thursday: Jesus is the Prince of Peace

Judges 6:20-24, Isaiah 8:21-9:7, 11:1-9, Luke 2:14, Acts 3:15, Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:13-18, Philippians 4:7, Revelation 1:4

Friday: Jesus is the Bread of Life

Leviticus 25:5-9, Matthew 5:6, John 6:25-27, 14:6

### **WEEK 4** (Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>): Love!

God demonstrated His love by sending His Son to be born in a manger and suffer and die for our sins, so we may live forever with Him!

#### **SCRIPTURE:**

Isaiah 9:2, John 3:16, Luke 2:8-20

#### **QUESTIONS:**

God could have wiped out all humans and started over, but He chose to sacrifice Jesus so He could rescue us. What does this tell us about God?

How does the birth of Jesus show us God's love?

In what ways can we allow God's love to pour out through us into the lives of others?

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Monday: Jesus is The Good Shepherd

Psalm 23, Matthew 2:6, Luke 15:1-7, John 10:1-18, 1 Peter 2:25

Tuesday: Jesus is the Lamb of God

Isaiah 53, John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7, Romans 3:25-26, Revelation 13:8, 17:14

Wednesday: Jesus was a Man of Sorrows

Psalm 69:29, Isaiah 53, John 10:17-18

Thursday: Jesus is the Son of Man

Daniel 7:13-14, John 13:3-17, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Philippians 2:5-11

Friday: Jesus is Immanuel (God with Us)

Genesis 2, Exodus 13:21, 24:15-17, 1 Kings 8:10-13, Isaiah 7:14, John 1:14, Colossians 1:27

Saturday: The waiting is over. Jesus is born!

John 1:14, Luke 2:1-40

**QUESTIONS:**

The eternal God entered this world as a baby in a manger, as a gift for all people: rich and poor, educated and unschooled, young and old.

What does this tell us about God?

How can we respond to God's great gift?

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