

PREPPING FOR
CHRISTMAS

ADVENT FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

WELLS BRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH



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WELCOME

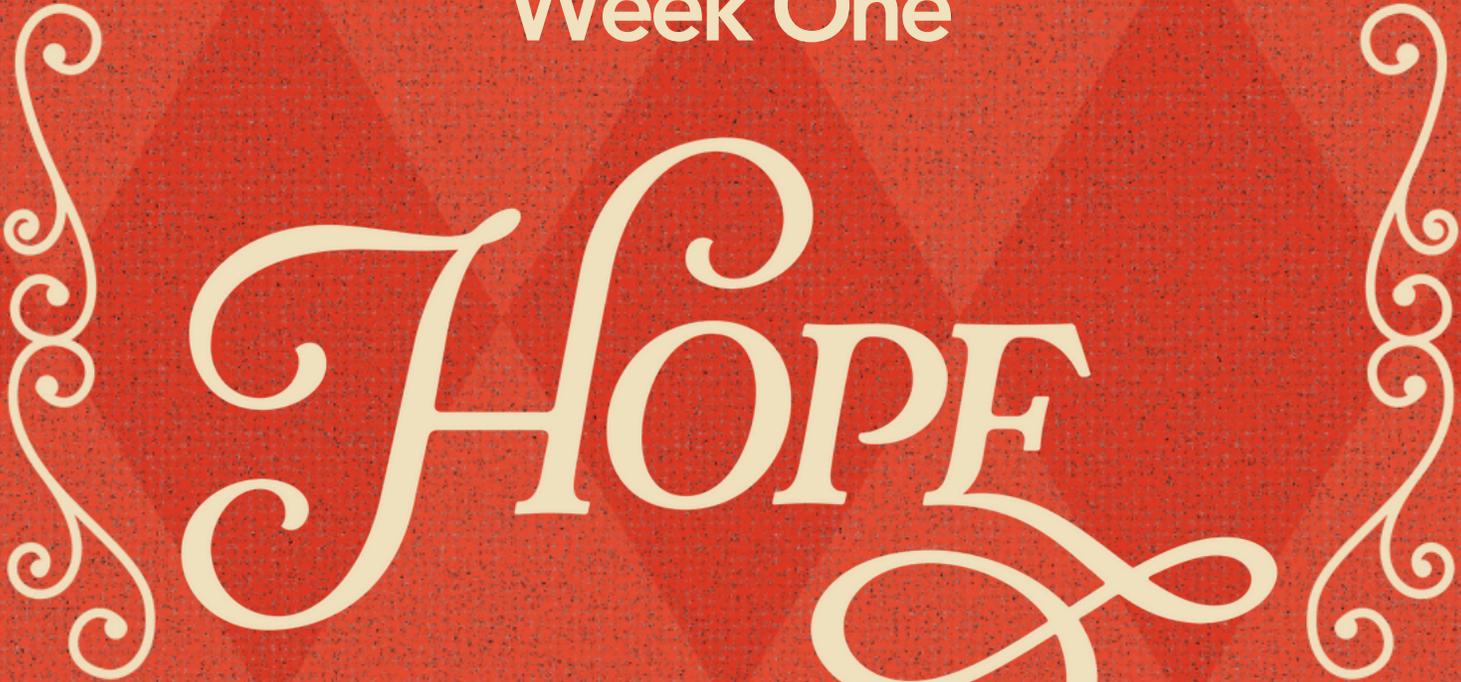
Advent Family Worship is an opportunity for the household head (typically the father) to lead his family—spouse, children, and sometimes extended members under the same roof—in an intentional gathering to glorify God through scripture reading, prayer, and singing praises. This practice draws from passages like Deuteronomy 6:6-7, which commands parents to teach God's words diligently to their children throughout the day, emphasizing the family's role as the primary sphere for spiritual formation and evangelism before formal church involvement.

This Advent Guide includes the Book of Malachi which is what we will be preaching through for Advent. This is the final Old Testament prophet whose words bridge the gap to the New Testament and Advent's theme of preparation for the Messiah. Each week aligns with one chapter of Malachi, emphasizing God's unchanging love, covenant faithfulness, purifying messenger, and coming day of the Lord—perfect ties to Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. On Sundays, add a special reading from the week's Malachi chapter to deepen reflection. The rest of the guide remains as before, with scripture, prayer prompts, songs, and weekly specials.





Week One



HOPE

November 30 - December 6

Malachi 1

God's Electing Love

Waiting with hope for Christ's coming,
rooted in God's steadfast choice of His people despite their doubts.

CRAFTS & BAKING

ADVENT CANDLES

Your child(ren) made this in Sunday school! If you want to make one at home, scan the QR Code for supplies & instructions.

Use this as an opportunity to talk to your kids about the different Advent candles and what they mean.



SNOWBALLS

A Recipe by Bri Mota



November 30th SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Malachi 1:6-10

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, How have we despised your name? 7 By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, How have we polluted you? By saying that the Lord's table may be despised. 8 When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts. 9 And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the Lord of hosts. 10 Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. 11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. 12 But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. 13 But you say, What a weariness this is, and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. 14 Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations."

DISCUSS & PRAY

Are we giving God our best
or our leftovers?

PRAY

Thank God for giving His best in Jesus to save us from our sin. Pray for a generous spirit this Christmas season—toward your family, your church, and beyond.

SING

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

OR

O Little Town of Bethlehem



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December 1st
MONDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 11:1-5

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Pray that your school, neighborhood, or workplace would experience the hope of Christmas this Advent. Ask God for courage to share the hope you have in Christ and to help someone take their next step where you work, live, learn, and play.

SING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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December 2nd
TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 52:13-15

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Thank God for Jesus as the fulfillment of His promises. Thank Him that Christ went to the cross and endured all He did to save us. Pray that even governments would see themselves as instruments of Christ's love.

SING

The First Noel

OR

Silent Night



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December 3rd

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Thank God that He chose to reveal Himself to us. Thank Him for coming on a rescue mission and enduring torture for our sake. Thank Him that He has taken away our sorrows and is making everything sad untrue. Thank Him that He knows what heartache feels like and willingly embraced it so He could have the joy of being with us. Thank God that Jesus took away our sins—and that He foretold it 800 years before accomplishing it.

SING

Away in a Manger



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December 4th THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 53:7-12

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Thank God that 800 years before Christmas, Isaiah prophesied the mission of the Messiah—to save us from our sins. Thank God that Christ has come. Confess any sins, and thank Him that what He promised, He accomplished. Pray for those you live, learn, work, and play with, that they might experience the same joy you do.

SING

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

OR

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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December 5th
FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 1:18-21

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

For the things you fear: ask God to replace your fear with faith and be one who might help bring Jesus to those who don't know him.

SING

O Holy Night

OR

Joy to the World



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December 6th
SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 1:22-25

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Pray to trust God even when circumstances don't fully make sense. Thank Him that we can rely on His Word, His Spirit, and His people. Ask for opportunities to obey His commands and for God to clearly reveal what He is calling us to do.

SING

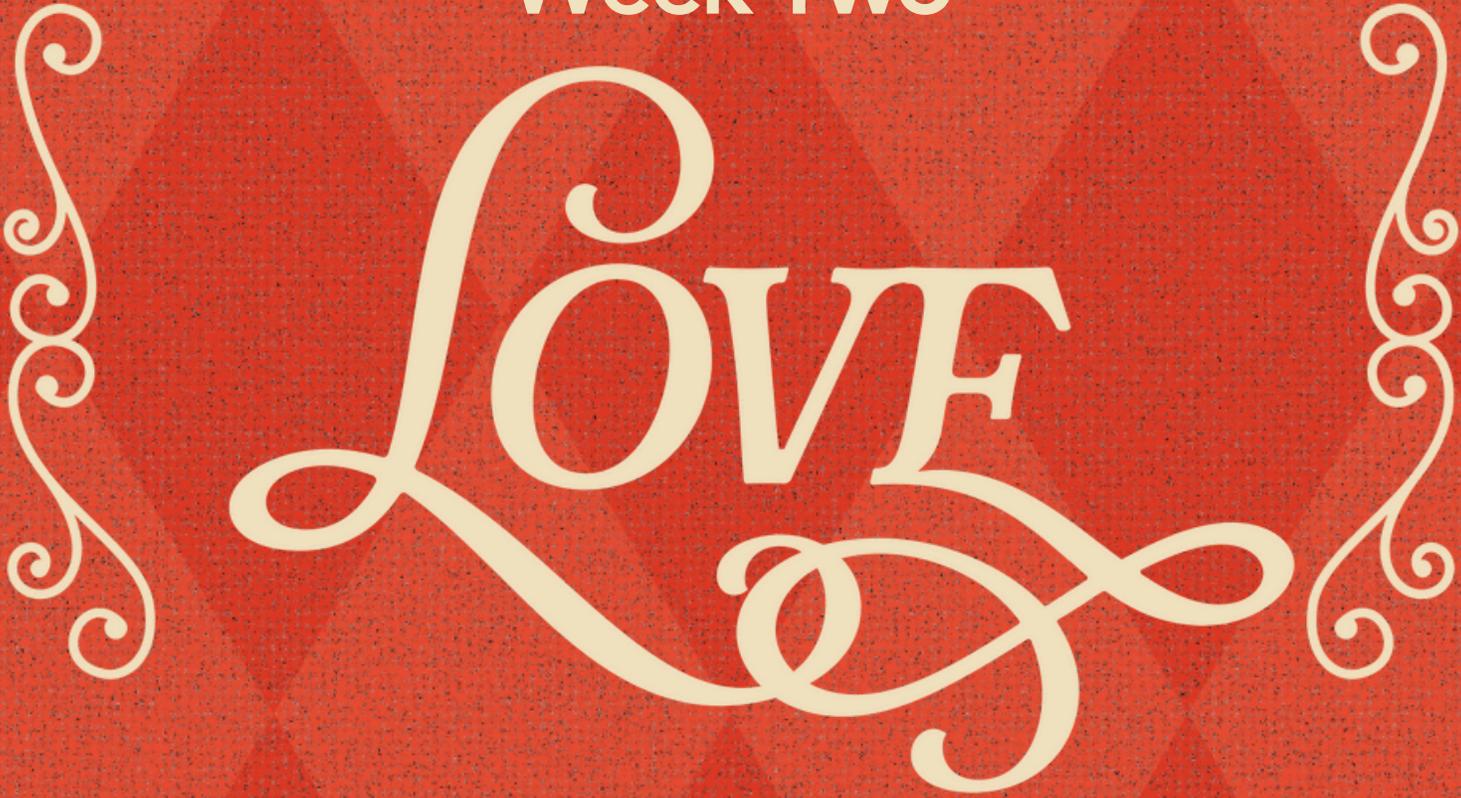
Go, Tell It On the Mountain



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Week Two



LOVE

December 7 - December 13

Malachi 2

Covenant Faithfulness

Preparing our hearts with love,
honoring God's covenant as in marriage and worship.

CRAFTS & BAKING

LAMB OF GOD

Your child(ren) made this in Sunday school! If you want to make one at home, Scan the QR Code for supplies & instructions.

Use this as an opportunity to talk about how Jesus is the Lamb of God and what his sacrifice means for us.



SNICKERDOODLES

A Recipe by Robin Wanke



December 7th SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Malachi 2:10-16

Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers? ¹¹Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the Lord, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. ¹²May the Lord cut off from the tents of Jacob any descendant of the man who does this, who brings an offering to the Lord of hosts! ¹³And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. ¹⁴But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶"For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, ¹⁰says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers ¹¹his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

DISCUSS & PRAY

How can we live out covenant love
in our relationships?

PRAY

For the marriages in our church. Pray for those who are lonely this Christmas season. Pray for those who are experiencing shame from broken relationships that they might find forgiveness, healing, or both in the cross.

SING

O Little Town of Bethlehem



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December 8th
MONDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:1-4

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ²just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Thank God for His Word and for those who faithfully recorded what we have now as the Word of God. Thank God that we can trust His Word and that It's not just a cool inspirational story, but real life.

SING

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



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December 9th TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:5-17

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. ⁸Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Pray for those who are struggling to have children or who wanted children but were unable. Ask God to provide family and love for them through the church. Pray that this Christmas they would be filled with the joy of Jesus and that He would completely satisfy their hearts.

SING

What Child Is This?
OR
Silent Night



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December 10th

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:18-25

And Zechariah said to the angel, How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years. ¹⁹And the angel answered him, I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time. ²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. ²⁴After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

For those in the church who have not been born again yet. Pray that God might reveal himself even to those who don't believe or perhaps to those whose faith has gone dormant due to disappointment. Ask the Lord to invigorate the faith of those who have been serving God for a long time, but haven't experienced joy.

SING

O Little Town of Bethlehem



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December 11th
THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you! ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

That you and your family might find favor with God. Pray for opportunities to bring about moments to bring up Jesus where we live, learn, work and play. Worship God for a moment and thank him for the Kingdom that will have no end.

SING

How Great Our Joy

OR

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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December 12th FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:34-45

And Mary said to the angel, How will this be, since I am a virgin? ³⁵And the angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God. ³⁸And Mary said, Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her. ³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Pray for opportunities to be the Lord's servant where you live, learn, work, and play. Lift up those who seem to be in impossible situations, asking God to intervene in ways only He can. Thank Him for the faith you have and that He has come to you. Pray by name for someone you can specifically introduce to the Lord.

SING

O Come All Ye Faithful
OR
Joy to the World



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December 13th
SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Thank God that His favor has come to those who are not rich in the world's eyes but are rich toward Him. Thank Him for your salvation. Pray for those who are less fortunate this Christmas season and for ways you might bless a person or family in need.

SING

I Heard the Bells

OR

Go, Tell It On the Mountain



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Week Three

Joy

December 14 - December 20



Malachi 3

The Purifying Messenger

Rejoicing in God's faithfulness,
as His messenger refines us for true worship.

CRAFTS & BAKING

POPSICLE MANGER

Your child(ren) made this in Sunday school! If you want to make one at home, scan the QR Code for supplies & instructions.

Use this craft to talk to your kids about the birth of Jesus!



GINGERBREAD COOKIES

A Recipe by Nicole Troup



December 14th
SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Malachi 3:1-4

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

DISCUSS & PRAY

How does God's refining bring joy
in preparation for Christ?

PRAY

To grow in joyful obedience to Jesus as your Savior and your Ruler. Pray that God would use your trials to refine your faith so that you might joyfully obey him in all things.

SING

○ Little Town of Bethlehem



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December 15th
MONDAY

SCRIPTURE:

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

For God to reveal any area of darkness in your life where you need the light of God to shine. Sin struggles, weaknesses, guilt, shame, fear. Pray that God would shine his light in the darkness and bring life out of those situations for the glory of his name.

SING

Angels We Have Heard on High



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December 16th
TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

John 1:6-13

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

For others in your life who need to receive Jesus and believe in his name. Pray that God would reveal himself to them, and that they would become children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

SING

Silent Night



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December 17th
WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

John 1:14-18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

To grow in both grace and truth as followers of Jesus, being able to offer His compassion and kindness to others while standing firm in His Word and walking in obedience to it.

SING

Once in Royal David's City
OR
O Little Town of Bethlehem



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December 18th
THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

For God to make room in your heart and life for Christ, not letting him get crowded out by all the hustle and bustle of this time of year.

SING

Joy to the World

OR

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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December 19th *FRIDAY*

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:8-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Pray for those you know who are lonely, downcast, or struggling this season. Ask that the 'good news of great joy' would encourage their hearts and that God would comfort them through His presence and the blessing of Christian friendship and fellowship.

SING

Joy to the World



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December 20th
SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us. ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Take a moment to treasure Christ in your heart, pondering His amazing grace, and praising God for fulfilling His promise of salvation through the birth of Christ.

SING

Good Christian Men, Rejoice
OR
Go, Tell It On the Mountain



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Week Four



PEACE

December 21 - December 25

Malachi 4

The Coming Day

Rejoicing in God's faithfulness,
as His messenger refines us for true worship.

CRAFTS & BAKING

PAPER CROWN

This is a craft you can make at home! Scan the QR Code for supplies & instructions.



ITALIAN SPRINKLES

A Recipe by Melanie McLemore



December 21st
SUNDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Micah 5:2

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

Malachi 4:1-6

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

DISCUSS & PRAY

How does the promise of healing wings bring peace this Christmas?

PRAY

Thank God for using what is small and weak in the world to accomplish His holy purposes.

SING

○ Come, O Come Emmanuel

OR

○ Little Town of Bethlehem



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December 22nd
MONDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 2:1-6

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Pray for wisdom from God to seek Jesus as the wise men did—to worship Him wholeheartedly and to trust Him as your Shepherd and Ruler, which is the wisest thing we can do.

SING

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



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December 23rd
TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 2:7-12

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him. ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Ask God what gifts you have to offer the Lord, and how you can honor and bless Him with what He's given you.

SING

Silent Night



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December 24th

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE:

John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Give thanks to God for sending His Son so that we would no longer be condemned, but would be forgiven, walk in light, and receive eternal life.

SING

Joy to the World



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December 25th
THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

DISCUSS & PRAY

PRAY

Praise God for His love and the gift of Jesus. Pray for your non-Christian friends, family, and neighbors to come to faith in Him and be saved.

SING

Joy to the World (repeat for celebration!)



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