

Advent 2020

Week One: Hope

Weekly Challenge:

<i>Adults</i>	<i>Wake up 10 minutes early and read Scripture.</i>
<i>Youth</i>	<i>Find and bring an item for the church's tree that you see all the time but typically ignore.</i>



Advent Wreath Instructions (do as a family/group as many days as you can this week):

<i>1</i>	<i>Have the youngest person in the room pray.</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Light one purple candle.</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>The person who lights the candle says: "This candle represents hope, which is based on the fact that we know the Savior has been born and will come again. Because of Jesus, we are able to come with boldness before His throne to receive mercy and pray with full assurance that the Spirit will lead us ever-closer to the Father."</i>

4	<p><i>Read the following from Scripture:</i></p> <p><i>Sunday = Isaiah 64:1-9</i></p> <p><i>Monday = Zechariah 9:9-12</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday = Isaiah 40:1-5, 25-31</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday = Jeremiah 29:10-14</i></p> <p><i>Thursday = Romans 5:1-5, 8:18-28</i></p> <p><i>Friday = Hebrews 6:9-20</i></p> <p><i>Saturday = 1 Peter 1:3-9, 20-21</i></p>
5	<p><i>Extinguish the candle and have the oldest person in the room pray.</i></p>

Journaling Space:

Week Two: Peace

Weekly Challenge:

<i>Adults</i>	<p><u>Monday-Wednesday:</u> Wake up 10 minutes early and list all things in your home that distract you.</p> <p><u>Thursday-Saturday:</u> Minimize how much time you spend interacting with the things on that list.</p>
<i>Youth</i>	<p>Ask someone else what helps them feel at peace, and bring in an item related to their answer for the church's tree.</p>



Advent Wreath Instructions:

<i>1</i>	<i>Have the tallest person in the room pray.</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Light two purple candles.</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>The person who lights the candle says: "This second candle represents peace. In Jesus, we are promised a peace that passes all understanding as a guard for our heart and a welcome refuge in the midst of life's chaos. Together, these two candles remind us how the Father sent the Son as a True</i>

	<i>Light that brightens our life.”</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Read the following from Scripture: Sunday = 2 Peter 3:8-15 Monday = Isaiah 9:2-7 Tuesday = Isaiah 52:7-10 Wednesday = John 14:25-31 Thursday = Ephesians 2:14-17 Friday = Philippians 4:4-9 Saturday = James 3:17-18</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Extinguish the candles and have the shortest person in the room pray.</i>

Journaling Space:

Week Three: Joy

Weekly Challenge:

<i>Adults</i>	<i>Wake up 10 minutes early and identify one person in your life. Pray for the Lord to bring joy to that person and to reveal to you how YOU can bring joy to that person TODAY.</i>
<i>Youth</i>	<i>Find and bring an item for the church's tree that is shiny or reflective.</i>



Advent Wreath Instructions:

<i>1</i>	<i>Have the person in the room who is wearing the most amount of colors pray.</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Light two purple candles and one pink candle.</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>The person who lights the candle says: "This candle represents the joy that the Holy Spirit gives us. The Father has sent Jesus to reconcile us to Himself. In Christ, we are healed, freed, and released from darkness. These three candles remind us that we are overjoyed God is completely victorious over that darkness!"</i>

4	<p><i>Read the following from Scripture:</i></p> <p><i>Sunday = Isaiah 61:1-4</i></p> <p><i>Monday = 1 Chronicles 16:27-33</i></p> <p><i>Tuesday = Nehemiah 8:7-12</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday = Psalm 100</i></p> <p><i>Thursday = Isaiah 35:1-10</i></p> <p><i>Friday = John 16:16-24</i></p> <p><i>Saturday = Hebrews 12:1-3</i></p>
5	<p><i>Extinguish the candles and have the person who is wearing the least amount of colors pray.</i></p>

Journaling Space:

Week Four: Love

Weekly Challenge:

<i>Adults</i>	<i>Wake up 10 minutes early and identify someone you dislike. Pray for that person's well-being.</i>
<i>Youth</i>	<i>Find and bring an item for the church's tree that reminds you of someone who loves you.</i>



Advent Wreath Instructions:

<i>1</i>	<i>Have the person in the room with the shortest hair pray.</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Light three purple candles and one pink candle.</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>The person who lights the candle says: "This candle represents love. This love is a sacrificial love. It is a faithful love. It is a complete love, lacking nothing. Ultimately, it is a holy love that makes our hope, joy, and peace possible. Thanks be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!"</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Read the following from Scripture: Sunday = Luke 1:26-38 Monday = Jeremiah 31:1-6</i>

	<p><i>Tuesday = Jonah 4:1-3</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday = Romans 8:28-39</i></p> <p><i>Thursday = 1 John 4:7-21</i></p>
<i>5</i>	<p><i>Extinguish the candles and have the person with the longest hair pray.</i></p>

Journaling Space: