## **Advent Family Moments Guide**

#### **WEEK 1 – HOPE**

Theme: "The hope of the Promised Savior"

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Activity: Hope Jar** 

- Each family member writes one area of life where they're waiting or hoping in God.
- Fold the notes and place them in a jar.
- Craft Option: Decorate the jar with stars and the word "Hope."

Bridge Question: "How is Jesus our true hope?"

#### **WEEK 2 - PEACE**

Theme: "Jesus Brings Peace to Our Hearts"
Scripture Focus: Luke 2:13–14; John 14:27

#### **Activity: Peace Dove Ornaments**

- Cut out paper doves or use dough with a dove-shaped cutter to make ornaments.
- As you hang each one, name a person you're praying would know peace with God and the peace of God.
- Craft Option: String them with twine and hang across a doorway.

Bridge Question: "What kind of peace did Jesus come to bring?"

#### WEEK 3 – JOY

Theme: "Rejoicing in the Good News"

Scripture Focus: Luke 2:10-11; Philippians 4:4

#### **Activity: Joy Garland**

- Cut strips of paper; each person writes something about Jesus that brings them joy.
- Loop the strips to make a paper chain and hang it near your dinner table.
- Add to it throughout the week!
- Craft Option: Use colorful paper or greenery for a festive touch.

Bridge Question: "Why can we rejoice in Christ even when things are hard?"

#### **WEEK 4 – LOVE**

Theme: "We Love Because He First Loved Us" Scripture Focus: 1 John 4:9–11; 1 John 4:19

#### **Activity: Love Letters to Jesus**

- Provide paper and pens for everyone.
- Write (or draw) a short love letter to Jesus—thanking Him for His love and expressing what you love about Him.
- Read a few together on Christmas Eve before prayer or singing.

Bridge Question: "How can we love others like Jesus loves us?"

### **CHRISTMAS EVE MOMENT – "Light Has Come"**

Scripture Focus: John 1:1-5, 14

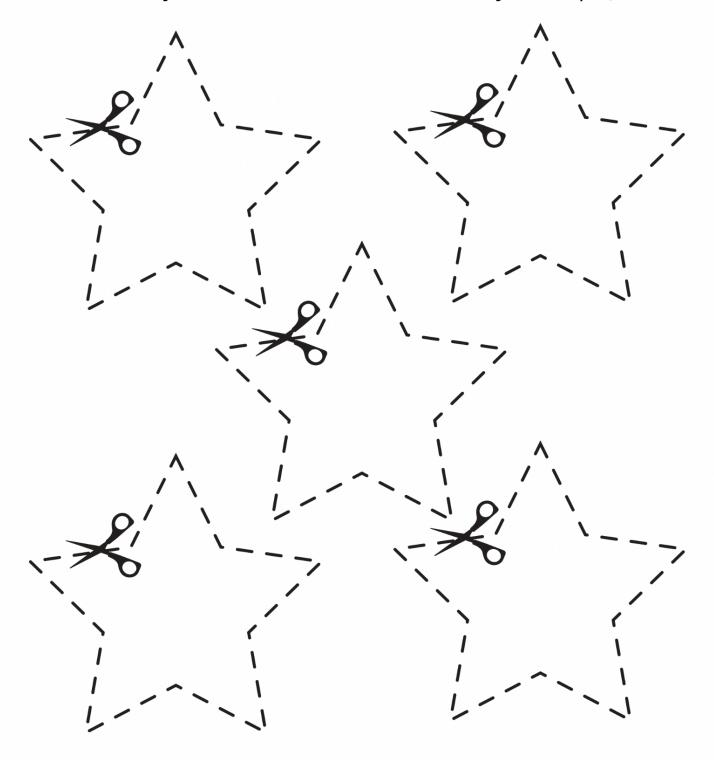
**Activity: Family Flashlight Time (Night)** 

- 1. Give each family member a flashlight (but keep them off!).
- 2. Turn off all lights and describe what darkness feels like.
- 3. One by one, turn on flashlights and describe how light changes everything.
- 4. Re-read the Scripture passage by flashlight.

Song: Silent Night

# Hope Jar How is Jesus our true hope?

Carefully cut out the stars and decorate your Hope Jar



# **Peace Dove Ornaments**

What kind of peace did Jesus come to bring?

