

THE
MESSIAH,
THE CURSE,
AND THE
MANGER

Week 1



Worship with us this

Advent

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tune your heart to Jesus



Welcome!

We are glad God called you to worship with us this Advent season!

As we track along with the sermon series, this guide is meant to travel with you. You don't need to be a Bible expert to use it. Think of it like a simple conversation starter that helps you look at Scripture together, listen for what God might be saying, and talk honestly about life.

You can use it one-on-one, with a friend, with your family, or with a LifeGroup. Simply:

- Take your time
- Be curious
- Ask questions
- Breathe

Week One Theme:

THE CURSE OF SIN & THE LONG WINTER

Group Discussion

1

CONNECT (pray before starting)

- What are you thankful for?
- What has been challenging?
- Is there anyone you know who needs help?

2

LOOK BACK (in follow-up meetings)

- What do you remember from our last reading?
- Did the passage change what you did this week?
- Did you talk with anyone? What happened?

3

READ & RETELL

- Read a Daily Bible passage.
- In your own words, retell what was read.
- What stood out or confused you?

4

READ AGAIN & LOOK

- What is God like? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- What is His plan here? What does He care about?
- How can we have hope in Jesus?

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READ, LOOK AGAIN & ASK

- How are humans described here?
- Where do you see yourself in this passage?

6

GROW

- What do I need to start doing?
- What do I need to stop doing?
- What is one small step I can take this week?

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B.L.E.S.S.ONE (pray after your discussion)

- Who needs to hear this? How can you share?
- Who could read the Bible with you?
- Who can help you take a next step toward Jesus?



Sunday 11/30 - Genesis 3:1–13

- Humans question God and hide in shame.
- God comes near and invites honesty.

Monday 12/1 - Genesis 3:14–24

- Sin brings separation and pain.
- God promises a future Savior.

Tuesday 12/2 - Romans 8:18–25

- The world is broken but not hopeless.
- God will restore everything through Jesus.

Wednesday 12/3 - Isaiah 9:2–7

- Jesus is the promised Savior and true peace.
- God keeps His promises.

Thursday 12/4 - Psalm 51:1–12

- We need cleansing, not pretending.
- God gladly forgives and renews.

Friday 12/5 - Romans 5:12–21

- Adam's sin brought death.
- Jesus brings overflowing grace and life.

Saturday 12/6 - John 3:16–21

- God saves because He loves.
- Coming to Jesus means stepping into the light.



Week One Overview



Theme:

We are under a curse, like Narnia.

Big Idea:

Sin is cold – We need the warmth of Jesus!



Bible Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-7



Book Reading:

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Chapters
1-3



Talk About It:



What was the curse in Narnia? (long winter)



Why is the curse in our world? (sin)



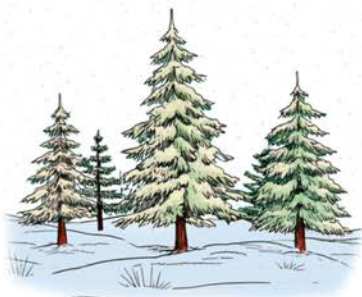
How can we share (proclaim) the warmth of Jesus this Advent season?

Fun Activity:

Hold an ice cube in your hand for one minute.
See if you can get up to 10 minutes!



- How did it feel with the ice cube in your hand?
- Share how you felt after getting warmed up.



Prayer Focus:

Ask God to forgive you of the coldness of sin in your life and use you this season to share the warmth of Jesus.

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Key Takeaways:



Narnia's endless winter shows what Scripture calls "the curse" (Genesis 3): a world where sin has chilled everything.

Since humanity turned from God, creation has groaned, hearts have grown colder, & life often feels stuck in winter. The coldness of the curse points us to our desperate need for the Messiah to come.



God promised a Rescuer—a light who would shatter the darkness. Advent begins with longing and waiting for that promised warmth.

Quick Questions:



Where do you feel the "winter" of sin most personally right now?



What part of Romans 8 gives you the most hope that creation—and you—will be set free?



How does Advent help you long for Jesus' return and the end of the long winter?

Fun Challenge:



Supplies

- Swimsuit
- Warm towel
- Parent or guardian present

Ice Bath Instructions

- Fill a tub with cold water (ice optional), step in.
- Stay in the cold water until your parent or guardian says it's time to get out.
- Dry off and warm up.

Talk About It:

Where do you each need God's warmth & comfort because of the coldness of sin?

Faith Challenge:

Warm Up To Jesus

- Spend 5 minutes each day this week doing something that warms your heart toward Jesus—worshipping, reading Scripture, journaling, walking in nature, etc.
- Note how God moves during this time and share with a trusted person.

Kids

Jesus came to
break the curse!

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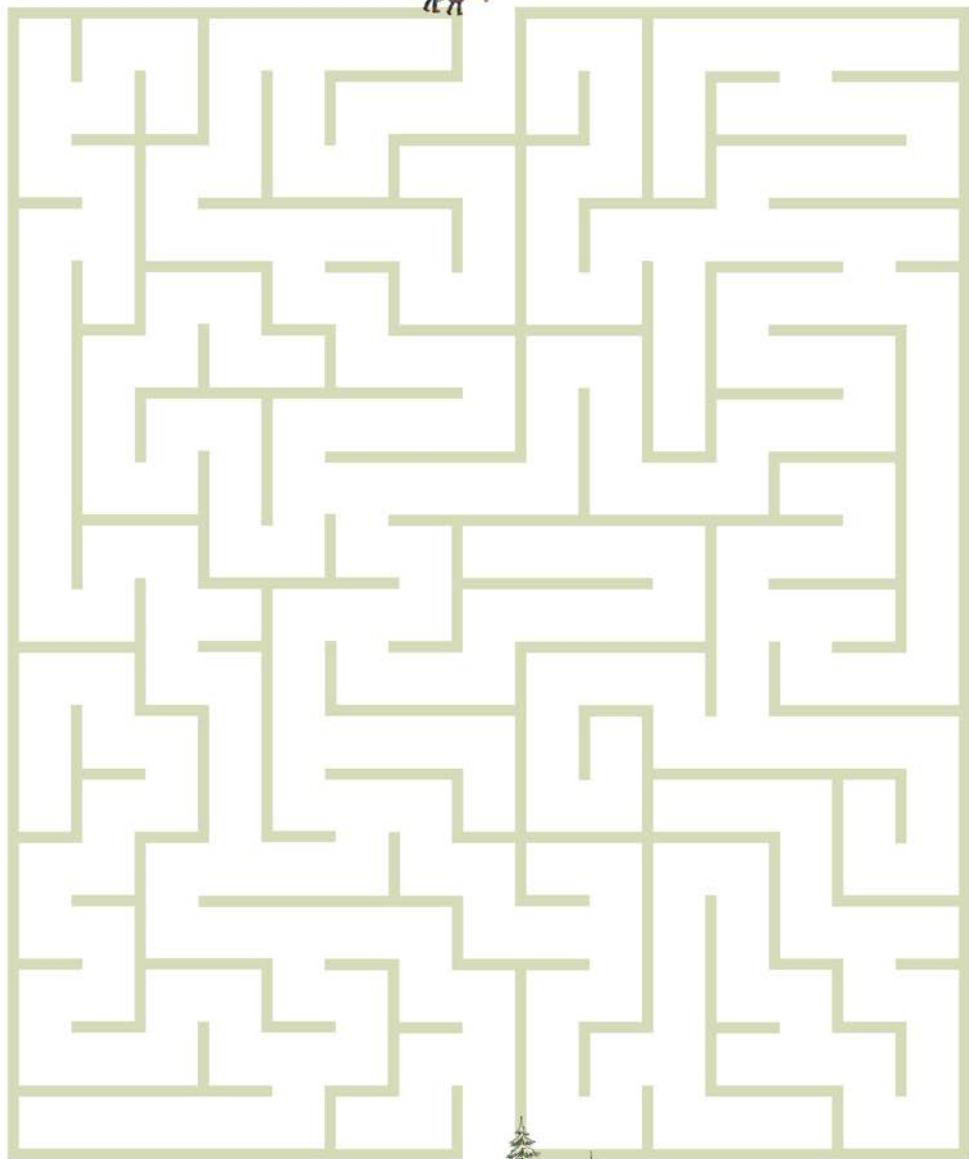


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Find Your Way

TO NARNIA THROUGH THE WARDROBE





Worship Times

Thursdays ~ 7:00pm

Sundays ~ 8:45am & 10:30am

Christmas Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 21
7:00pm ~ Chapel

Wednesday, December 24
7:00pm ~ Family Life Center
9:00pm ~ Chapel

