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Week 2



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 Two Theme:

**The King We Can Trust--The Person & Nature of Christ**



# Group Discussion



## **CONNECT** (pray before starting)

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



## **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?



## **READ & RETELL**

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



## **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?



## **READ, LOOK AGAIN & ASK**

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



## **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?



## **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 12/7 - John 1:1-5**

- Jesus is eternal God, the Word who always existed.
- He is the Light that brings life and overcomes darkness.

## **Monday 12/8 - John 1:14-18**

- Jesus became Human so we could see God's goodness.
- He fully reveals who God is like no one else can.

## **Tuesday 12/9 - Colossians 1:13-20**

- Jesus is the center of everything! All things are made by & for Him.
- He is our leader, and He brings peace through His blood.

## **Wednesday 12/10 - Colossians 1:21-23**

- We were once separated from God, but Jesus brings us to God through His death.
- We must keep our minds in the hope of the gospel.

## **Thursday 12/11 - Revelation 1:12-18**

- Jesus stands in glory as the risen, ruling Son of Man.
- He has power over death and the grave.



## **Friday 12/12 - Philippians 2:5-11**

- Jesus humbled Himself to become a servant and die for us.
- God placed Him above all, and every knee will bow to Him.

## **Saturday 12/13 - Hebrews 1:1-4**

- God has spoken fully and finally through His Son.
- Jesus perfectly shows God's glory & holds everything together.

# Week Two Overview



## Theme:

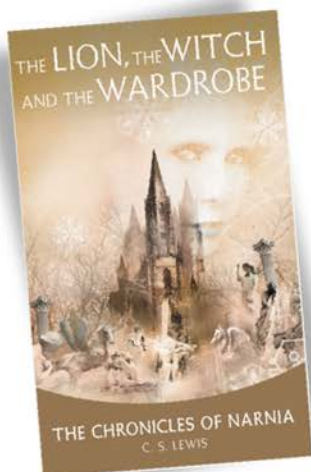
We can easily be tricked if we are not in the light.

## Big Idea:

The light of Jesus shines in all darkness.

## Bible Reading:

John 1:1-5,14



## Book Reading:

*The Lion, The Witch,  
and The Wardrobe*

Chapters  
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## Talk About It:



By whom was Edmund tricked? (White Witch)



Why does darkness make us afraid sometimes?

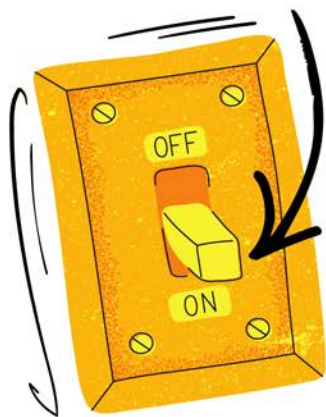


How can we shine light into the darkness?  
(With Jesus - Jesus is like our flashlight!)

## Fun Activity:

Have a scavenger hunt in your home. Have someone hide at least five items. Have others search for them. Try it first with lights OFF and then again with lights ON.

- Share how challenging it was in the dark.
- Share how challenging it was in the light.



## Prayer Focus:

Ask God to help you shine the light of Jesus through the darkness in our world. Praise Him for sending Jesus to rescue us.



# Youth

## Key Takeaway:

Before we can grasp what Christ does for us, we must behold who He is. When Peter hears Aslan's name, he feels brave. Edmund feels guilty. Susan experiences delight. A true encounter with Christ still moves us like that.

Jesus is not distant;  
He is divine and near—  
mighty and merciful!



## Quick Questions:



What aspects of Jesus' nature make you go, "Wow, He is amazing?"



When the children hear about Aslan, how does each of their reactions mirror the different ways people respond to Jesus?



Why is it essential to see both Jesus' divine and human sides together?



# Fun Challenge:

Catch the  
object before  
it hits the  
ground!

## Reflex Game

1. Pair up. One person is the "holder" & holds a small object (pen, ruler, coin, tennis ball etc.) at shoulder height.
2. The other person is the "catcher" & places their hand open & ready to catch the object. Be sure not to touch the object until it drops!
3. The holder drops the object without warning.
4. The catcher tries to grab it before it falls.
5. Switch roles & repeat.



Before we grasp the object to keep it from falling, we must mentally prepare ourselves.

**Talk About It:**

What did you do to mentally prepare to catch (grasp) the object?

# Faith Challenge:



## Grasp the Goodness of Jesus

- This week pick one characteristic of Jesus [Examples: all-knowing (omniscient), all-power (omnipotent), Holy, Sinless] and something tangible that reminds you of that characteristic. Place that reminder somewhere visible to help you mentally grasp that characteristic of Jesus.

# Kids

Jesus is our King!



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King Jesus





## Worship Times

**Thursdays ~ 7:00pm**

**Sundays ~ 8:45am & 10:30am**

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## Christmas Candlelight Services

**Sunday, December 21**  
**7:00pm ~ Chapel**

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

