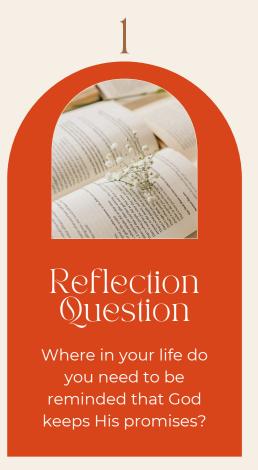
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing Noel, Noe the weary Saviors birth. Long lay the world And by the ith painful ir glad and in sin and error pining, Till He wise men c and the soulfelt its worth n the wing. for a king v A thrill of l, and hear the star w e days are Noel, Noe en of old, This star c Joices, For yonder. years shall over Bethl breaks a www & forious morn! Fall on peace shall there it di splendors your knees! O hear the angel voices! O over the p nd back the night divine, O night divine! When Noel, Noe Christ was born! O night, O holy igels sing. Israel. The Week 1 Devotional dore Him; gleaming, Here came the Wise Men entered in Christ, the from Orient land. The King of kings erently up lay thus in lowly manger, In all our f Light, lo, there, in I vomb; very trials born to be our Friend: He knows myrrh and

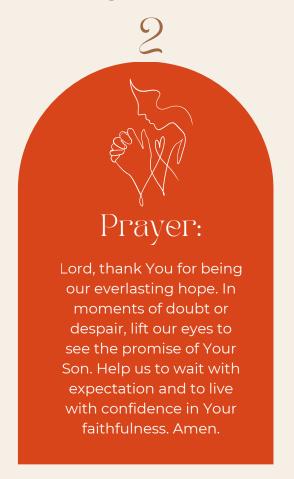
The Promise Of Hope

Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 9:2-7

From the very beginning, God promised redemption. Even in the middle of humanity's fall, God whispered hope into the darkness: "He will crush your head." That promise in Genesis 3:15 foreshadows Jesus, the One who would come to defeat sin and death forever. Centuries later, Isaiah's prophecy spoke of a child to be born, a light to shatter the world's gloom. Advent reminds us that this hope is not wishful thinking, but confident expectation in a faithful God.

No matter what circumstances surround us, we hold to the hope that Christ has come, and He will come again.





Family Activity

Create a "Hope Chain." Each family member writes one thing they're hoping for (big or small) on a strip of paper. Link them together into a paper chain and hang it somewhere visible to pray over all month long.



Self Reflections

