



ADVENT 2025

Student Devotional



Week One | HOPE

READ

What is Hope?

Hope is like a light in a dark place. It helps you see better in the darkness and to not be scared. In the Bible, the word hope means we feel confident in what God promised. We can trust that what He said is true.

Advent is a season of waiting. We wait in hopeful and eager expectation of celebrating Christmas and we wait with that same expectation that Jesus Christ will come again. Advent is also a season of light. We light candles each week of Advent to remind us that Jesus Christ, the light of the world has come, is coming and will come again!

We light the first candle of Advent as a symbol of our hope that the one who came to us as a baby in a manger will come again. Our waiting is not in vain, it is full of great hope in the Coming King who has already made his dwelling among us. He is, he was and he is to come.

PRAY

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in the messy world. This Advent, help me slow down, to listen to your voice and to focus on what's really important. I place my hope in you as I prepare my heart to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

MEMORIZE

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious, merciful and righteous. Psalm 112:4

PONDER

What does hope mean to you?

What are the hopes you have for the world today?

How does God give you hope?

How have you felt hopeful this week?

What would you tell someone to give them hope?

Week Two | PEACE

READ

What is Peace?

Peace has many meanings and uses but when it comes to Advent, we think about how Jesus was often called the Prince of Peace. He teaches us so many things about peace - how to bring peace to one another and how to find peace inside ourselves. The Bible uses the word peace over 400 times!

As we light this second advent candle, we pause to remember that Christ comes as the Prince of Peace. He will one day make all warfare cease, all injustices will come to an end. His peace will rule among all the nations.

The second candle is a symbol of peace. The peace of Jesus Christ calls us to be peacemakers in a fallen world. His promise of eternal peace inspires us to be people of peace.

PRAY

Dear Jesus, you entered the world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, fill me with a deep peace. Help me share that peace with everyone I meet or run into, especially those who need it most. Help me to see who needs your love. Amen.

MEMORIZE

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; those who
dwelt in the land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone. Isaiah 9:2

PONDER

What is peace?

How does Jesus bring peace to the world?

What are your hopes for peace in our world today?

When do you feel most at peace?

Week Three | JOY

READ

What is Joy?

Joy is something beyond happiness. Joy does not fade away no matter what our circumstances. The Bible teaches us that joy doesn't come from anything on earth - including friends, family, social media, money, jobs - but only Jesus can bring us true joy that no one can take away from us.

As the light continues to increase around the advent wreath. We continue to wait. We continue to prepare our hearts for the coming one. Let the effervescent joy of God bubble up within us! Let us praise him together!

We light the third candle as a symbol of joy. Our joy is made possible because of Emmanuel, God with us. One day our joy will be complete as we dwell in his eternal light and life.

PRAY

Lord, I rejoice because Jesus was born. Fill my heart and my days with joy. I rejoice that you are with me always. Help me live in such a way that my words and my actions help others know of the joy You give. Amen.

MEMORIZE

**Even the darkness is
not dark to you; the night
is bright as the day, for darkness
is as light with you. Psalm 139:12**

PONDER

What is the difference between happiness and joy?

What are your hopes for joy in the world today?

How does God give you joy?

What do you like to do when you are feeling joyful?
Or, how do you show that you have joy?

Week Four | LOVE

READ

What is Love?

There are many types of love. Jesus taught a lot about love when he was on earth: loving God and loving others. In fact, love is the entire purpose for Jesus being born: because God so loved the world, He sent His son to be born for us and to die for us at Easter. That is amazing love!

We continue to watch and wait for Christ to enter our world. We believe that light casts out darkness. One day the love of God will reign and there will be no more darkness, death, mourning, crying, or pain.

We light this final advent candle as a symbol of God's love for us and for the world. His love was so great that he came to live with us in order that we might be reconciled to him. One day his love will make all things new.

PRAY

Thank you, God, for your son, Jesus. Thank you that you love me so much that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ. Help me to love others, my family, my friends at school, and people everywhere I go. Amen.

MEMORIZE

Again Jesus spoke to them,
saying, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not
walk in darkness, but will have
the light of life. John 8:12

PONDER

How does God show us love by sending Jesus?

When do you feel loved?

Who are people you know that need the message of God's love?

How could you help others know God's love?