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PRAYER & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Anticipate Advent

Advent is a time to be formed in anticipation of the arrival of Jesus. Historically Christians have celebrated Advent in regularity during the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This guide is meant to help you and your family settle in to a simple weekly focus of prayer and scriptures surrounding this time. Anticipating and remembering the arrival of Jesus is a powerful rhythm to observe. Not only does it re-orient the desires of our hearts, but renews us in longing to see everyone know Jesus all the more.

11-29 WEEK 1

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1: 13

"But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John..."

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray expectantly as Zechariah did, for those you long to see know Jesus.

KIDS PRAYERS:

What can we pray for and expect God to do in the lives of others we love?

MISSIONAL STEPS:

This week, cultivate expectancy for God to fulfill prayers, needs and conversations in the lives of people you know need Jesus.

12-06 WEEK 2

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1: 31-32

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High..."

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray to be humbly receptive this month, as Mary was. Ask for joy to further God's kingdom by living sacrifically.

KIDS PRAYERS:

How can we thank God for his promise to save us by sending Jesus?

MISSIONAL STEPS:

This week, model after Mary's servant heart towards God. Serve someone God has in your life.

12-13 WEEK 3

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:11

"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray for our own hearts to worship Jesus like the wise men. What skills, time and possessions do we have to worship Him with this week?

KIDS PRAYER:

Let's ask God for joy to share what we have with others.

MISSIONAL STEPS:

This week, be generous with your life, with anyone, just like the wise men.

12-20 WEEK 4

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:10

"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

PRAYER FOCUS:

The good news of Jesus is for all people. Pray specifically for the joy of people in your life who feel unreachable with the Gospel.

KIDS PRAYER:

Who can we pray for to know that Jesus loves them?

MISSIONAL STEPS:

Look for an opportunity to invite someone to The Well's Christmas Eve service or into a conversation about the Gospel and God's love.