Advent



Christmas Day

Light of the World

(Christ candle)

- It represents Jesus' birth
- It symbolized purity, Holiness, and victory over sin and death!

She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

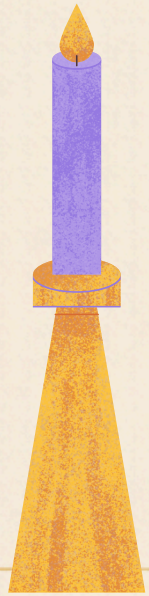
Luke 2: 6-7



The Candles

- The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.
- One candle is lit on the first Sunday, two on the second, and so on.
- As the weeks pass, the light grows brighter, symbolizing the increasing anticipation and the approaching "Light of the World."
- Each candle has a specific theme that guides the weekly reflection.

- Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival."
- It is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of spiritual preparation and expectant waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.
- It lasts for the four Sundays and weeks leading up to Christmas Day.
- It invites us to pause in the midst of the world's noise and busyness, to hold space for hope, peace, joy, and love.
- It's not just about looking back, but also about looking forward to the promise of Christ's return.



Week 1:

The Candle of Hope

(Prophet's candle)

- This candle symbolizes hope and expectation.
- It recalls the prophecies in the Old Testament that foretold the coming of a Messiah.
- It reminds us to have hope in God's promises.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined."

Isaiah 9:2



Week 2:

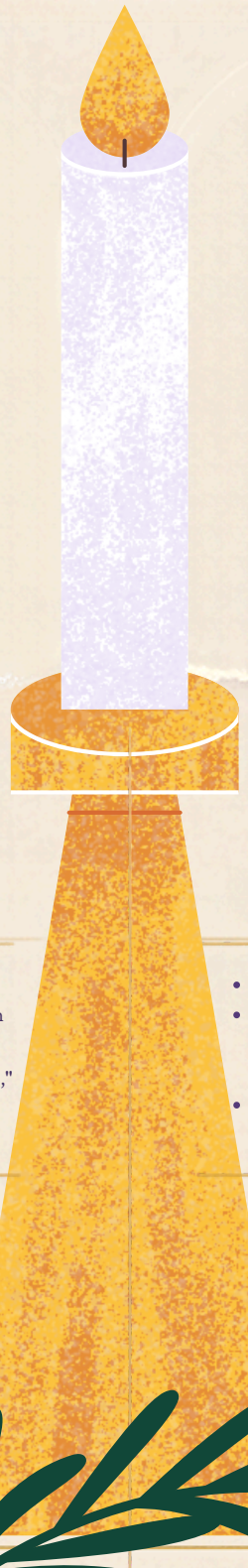
The Candle of Peace

(Bethlehem candle)

- This candle represents peace.
- It symbolizes the peace that Christ's birth brings to the world and to our hearts.
- It points to Bethlehem, the "City of David," where the Prince of Peace was born.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

John 14:27





Week 3:

The Candle of Joy

(Shepherd's candle)

- This candle signifies joy.
- The pink color represents a shift—a joyful celebration that Christmas is very near.
- It recalls the joy of the shepherds when they heard the good news of Jesus' birth.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



Week 4:

The Candle of Love

(Angel's candle)

- This candle embodies love.
- It represents God's perfect, unconditional love, demonstrated by sending His Son into the world.
- It is associated with the angels, the messengers of God's love.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16