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Materials + Using the Guide

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Operation No More Tears

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He's Here

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Light of the World

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The King of Kings

### CHRISTMAS DAY

God Sends Help







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Advent is traditionally observed on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day as well as Christmas Day itself. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are used as part of a family devotional or as part of worship in the Gathering of the Church. This resource packet is designed to be used as part of your Advent family devotions along with an Advent wreath. We hope that this guide can help your family to create rhythms and traditions around the Advent season that last for generations.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

- · Jesus Storybook Bible
- · Advent Wreath
- · Advent Wreath Resource Packet
- Lighter or Matches

### USING THIS GUIDE

These Advent devotions are designed to be done as a family on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas day and the last one on Christmas morning. However, you can complete the first four devotionals on any day of the week you desire.

There are five parts to each devotional to help guide you in leading your family:

>>>>> Read • Ask • Light • Pray • Worship <<<<<
You will start with a reading from the Jesus Storybook
Bible followed by a couple of questions to spark
your family's imaginations and conversations as
you meditate on the story. Then you will light the
appropriate candle(s) and read/recite the Advent
memory verse (Isaiah 42:5-7). We have provided an
Advent prayer taken from the Book of Common Prayer
for your family to pray together before concluding the
devotional by worshiping in song as a family.



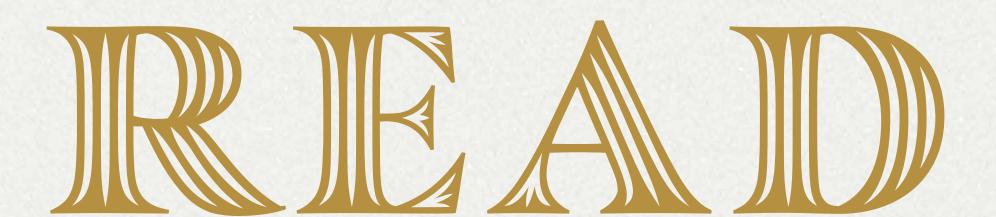




# ADWENT week 1







Operation "No More Tears!"

Jesus Storybook Bible pages 144-151

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Isaiah wrote about a rescuer who would come and rescue you and make everything the way it was always meant to be.

What is something that is broken or not the way it should be?

What would it look like for that thing to be made new and made to be the way it always was supposed to be?









Light the first candle.

As a family, read the Advent Memory
Verse on the following page, a prophecy
about the coming Messiah, from Isaiah
42:5-7. Make it clear that the word
"you" refers directly to Jesus.





This is what God the Lord says the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness."

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### Almighty God -

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.





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#### WEEK 1 SONG

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



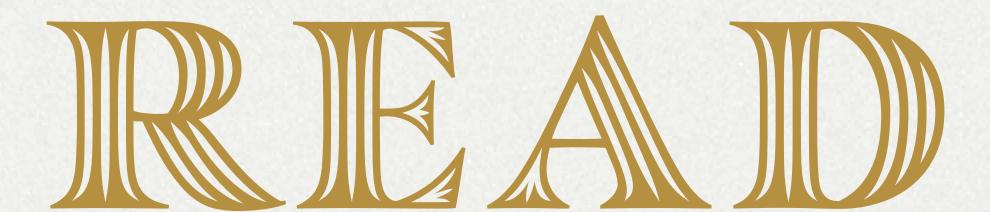


## ADWENT week 2









He's Here!

Jesus Storybook Bible pages 176-183











God didn't announce that it was time to rescue His people the way we expected. He sent an angel, a warrior of light, to a young girl who nobody thought was important.

What would you do if an angel appeared to you like Gabriel did to Mary?

The angel tells Mary there is nothing too wonderful for God. What is the most wonderful thing you can think of that God could do right now?









Light the first & second candles.

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WEEK 2 SONG

O Come Emmanuel



# ADWERT







Light Of The Whole World

Jesus Storybook Bible pages 184-191











God sent His angels to announce the birth of His son, Jesus, to a group of shepherds who everyone thought were just ugly, dirty, unlovable people.

If Jesus was born today, who do you think God would send His angels to announce it?









Light the first, second, & third candles.

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#### WEEK 3 SONG

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

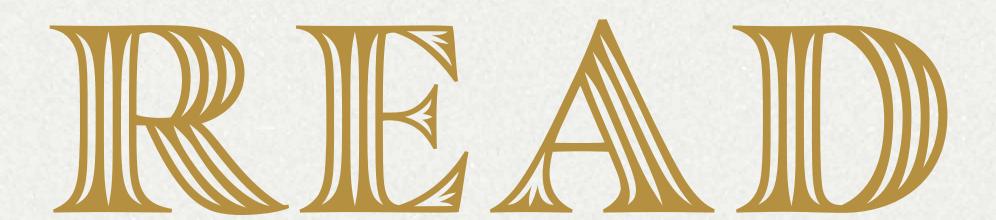


# ADWENT Week 4









The King Of Kings

Jesus Storybook Bible pages 192-199











God sent Jesus to earth to be the King of Kings...the king who other kings bowed down to. But Jesus didn't come to be the boss of everyone...

He came to be a servant.

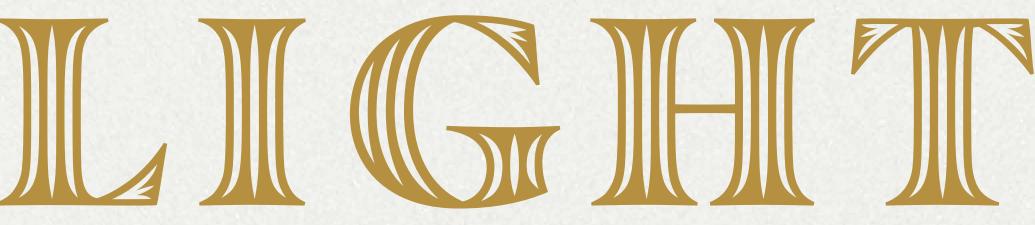
Why is it strange that Jesus is the King of Kings but came to be a servant?

How was Jesus a servant to all of His people?









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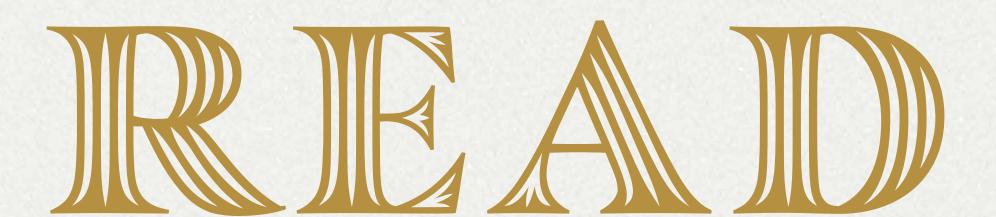
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WEEK 4 SONG
Star of Wonder

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God Sends Help

Jesus Storybook Bible pages 326-333











Jesus' friends needed help in order to join God in His Secret Rescue Plan for the whole world. So God sent His Holy Spirit to them.

How did Jesus' friends show that the Spirit of Jesus lived in them?

How can we show that we have the Spirit of Jesus living in us?









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Light all of the candles.

Now this final time of reading Isaiah 42:5-7 will be different.

We have been reading this text knowing that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. The "you" has been referring to him. But this "you" can also refer to us. The same Spirit that lived in Christ now lives in you and we are called to shine like stars in the darkness.

In some traditions, a fifth candle is lit on Christmas Day. But in our tradition, as a church, we want to remember that we are the candles that God has lit up with his Spirit. May you read this text and be reminded that we are called to be lights in this dark world. Read and embrace the "you" in a personal way.





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Bust out some musical shakers and dance around as you listen to and sing this week's song on the link below.

\* This is a celebration! \*

Let loose - play it loud and sing it loud - and as many times as your family wants!

CHRISTMAS SONG

Go Tell It On the Mountain