

ADVENT

*Fear not, for behold,
I bring you good news of
great joy that will be for all the people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

*And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the
heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!*

Luke 2.10-14

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THE PURPOSE OF ADVENT

The word **advent** means *coming* or *arrival*. At the time of Jesus birth, the Jewish people were waiting with anticipation for the Messiah. And they had been waiting a long time. Through years of exile and captivity, they had held tightly to the promise of the one who would come to establish God's kingdom forever. The coming of the Messiah was an event that was defined by excitement.

For many of us, Christmas has lost that sense of joy. The overwhelming anticipation for the savior has been replaced with the stress of making last minute purchases, the preparations for awkward family interaction, or, at best, the recognition of an event that took place 2000 years ago. But this was not just some event; this was the inauguration of the kingdom of God. Jesus was coming to earth to establish Himself as the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

That established kingdom is what we live in. Christ rules on His throne. So as we think of the Christmas season, we remember how Jesus came to earth, and we anticipate with joy that He is coming again. We reflect on the incarnation (which means *taking on flesh*), remembering that God chose to come down to earth. The creator came down to be with a creation that had rejected Him. And He came not with the sword of justice (that is how He will return), but wearing the clothes of humility and grace. He came to reunite His adopted sons and daughters to Himself. He came to bring us salvation.

Advent is about the anticipation of Jesus coming (**hope**). It is about marveling at the way that He came, and what He came to do (**love**). It is about remembering what part we play in this story, as the sinners that made His death necessary. It is about preparing our hearts for His coming (**peace**). More than anything else, it is about celebrating how great our God is (**joy**).

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HOW TO LEAD YOUR FAMILY IN WORSHIP

This book is put together to help you establish a tradition of celebrating advent as a family. To get the most out of this, you must be willing to take the time and make the effort. No spiritual discipline comes naturally, and there is a good chance that the first time you sit down to do family devotions it will be awkward, difficult, and maybe even a bit painful. But it will also be beneficial.

Here is how to lead your family in advent:

1. Come to church every Sunday of advent, beginning November 28th. The kids will be making the ornaments that go along with the study in kidsROAD.
2. Get a small advent tree to display your advent ornaments. Each night you will add a new ornament to the tree.
3. Candles are optional, but the tradition of lighting a separate candle for each week of advent (hope, love, peace, joy) as well as a large pillar candle on Christmas Day (Christ candle) can help the children to understand the different aspects of advent.
4. Carve out a time to sit together as a family, and stick to it. In our busy schedules, we must fight for this time.
5. When you start worshipping, don't make it stale and cold, like you're checking off a box. Enjoy it, and then your kids can too!
6. Each *service* has five components: Bible reading, lesson, discussion, singing, and praying. Feel free to build on this however you like. This is simply a starting point. If you want to take the lessons deeper, substitute songs, or add a sixth component, feel free! This is your time.

ADVENT

DAY ONE : BRANCH

Scripture:

Isaiah 11.1-2

Reading:

God has a plan for everything. Long before Jesus was born lived a man named Jesse. Jesse had seven sons; the youngest was named David. God had a plan for Jesse and for his son David, even before they were born.

Jesus was also part of Jesse and David's family tree, born many, many years after David. People waited a long time for the birth of the savior. The season of Advent is a season of waiting for us, too. We wait for Christmas, the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

It is hard to be patient, especially when we are waiting for something wonderful like Jesus! But it is important to learn to be patient, and to trust that God has a plan for us, too.

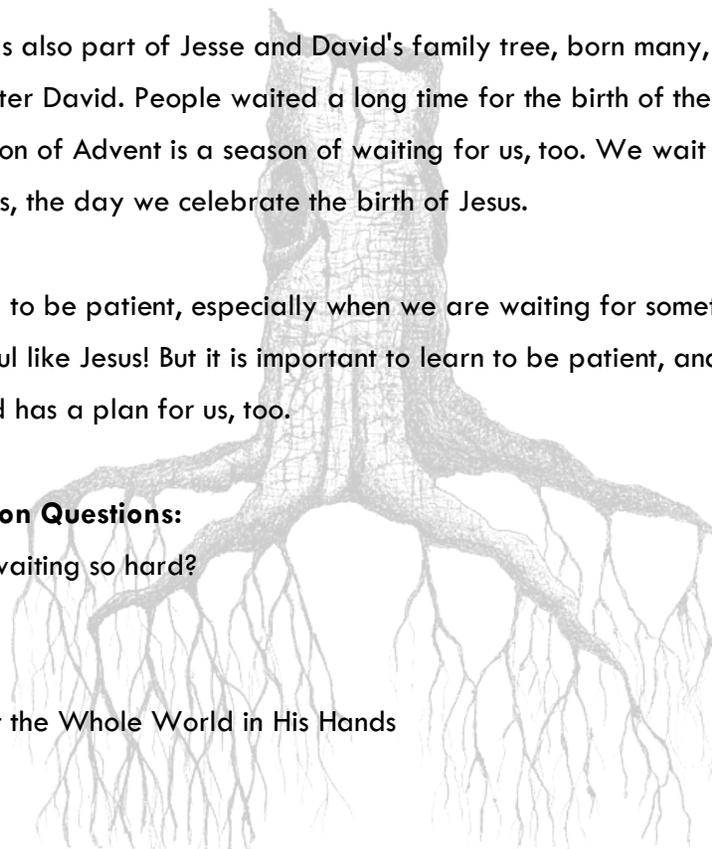
Discussion Questions:

Why is waiting so hard?

Sing

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Pray



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DAY TWO : WORLD

Scripture:

Genesis 1.26-31

Reading:

God is the creator of all things. God made the world and everything in it: the air and the water, the plants and the fish, the animals and the people. When God finished creating the world, it was perfect. When God first created people, even they were perfect. But they chose to worship the things He created rather than the creator Himself.

Even though there is now sin and sadness in the world, God still cares for us. We have been given a beautiful world in which to live, and God has asked us to take care of it.

The world is God's gift to us. God wants us to enjoy this gift, but God also wants us to treat it with care.

Discussion Questions:

What are some ways that you can take care of the world that God made?
Why is this important?

Sing

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DAY THREE : FRUIT

Scripture:

Genesis 3.1-19

Reading:

Yesterday we read about the perfect world that God created, including perfect people. Today we read in the Bible about Adam and Eve, and how they disobeyed God. God had given them everything, and had only asked that they not eat the fruit of one special tree. But Eve and Adam did eat the fruit. The fruit made them understand certain things, but eating it brought sin into the world.

God still loved Adam and Eve, but he had to punish them for disobeying him. God sent them out of the beautiful garden, and they had to work for their food. God also made a promise to Adam and Eve: that God would always love them.

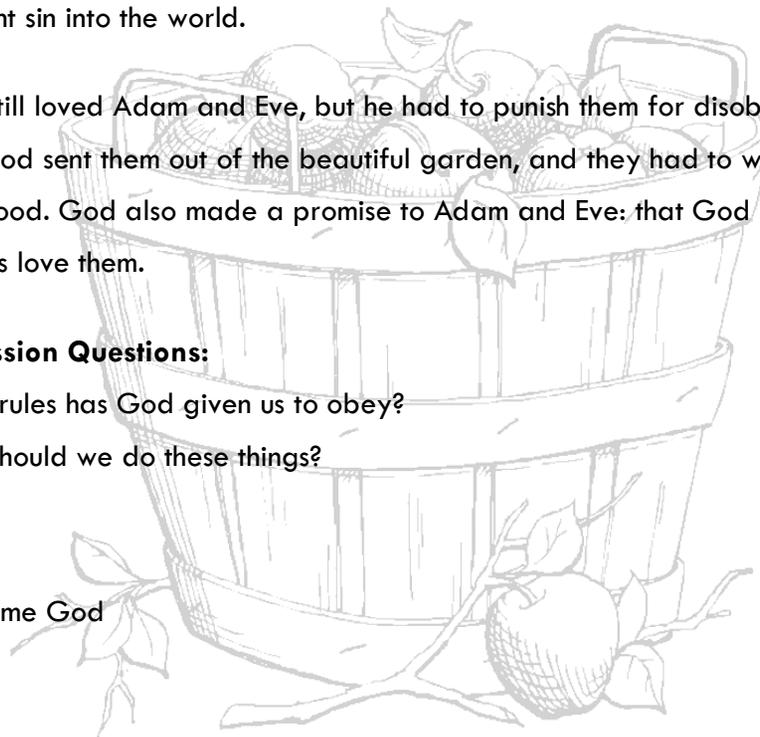
Discussion Questions:

What rules has God given us to obey?
Why should we do these things?

Sing

Awesome God

Pray



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DAY FOUR : RAINBOW

Scripture:

Genesis 6.11-14; 7.17-8.3; 9.8-13

Reading:

When people sin, or do wrong things, God is sad. There came a time when there was so much wickedness that God had to punish the sin in the world. So he asked Noah to build the ark and to save his family, as well as the animals. Then God sent rain and the world flooded, and God destroyed all the people and animals that were not on the ark.

When the flood was over and Noah and his family were safely on dry ground, God made a covenant, or a promise, with Noah. God promised not to send another flood that would destroy the world. As a sign of this promise, God put a rainbow in the sky. Even in a sinful world, God still loves us and keeps his promises.

Discussion Questions:

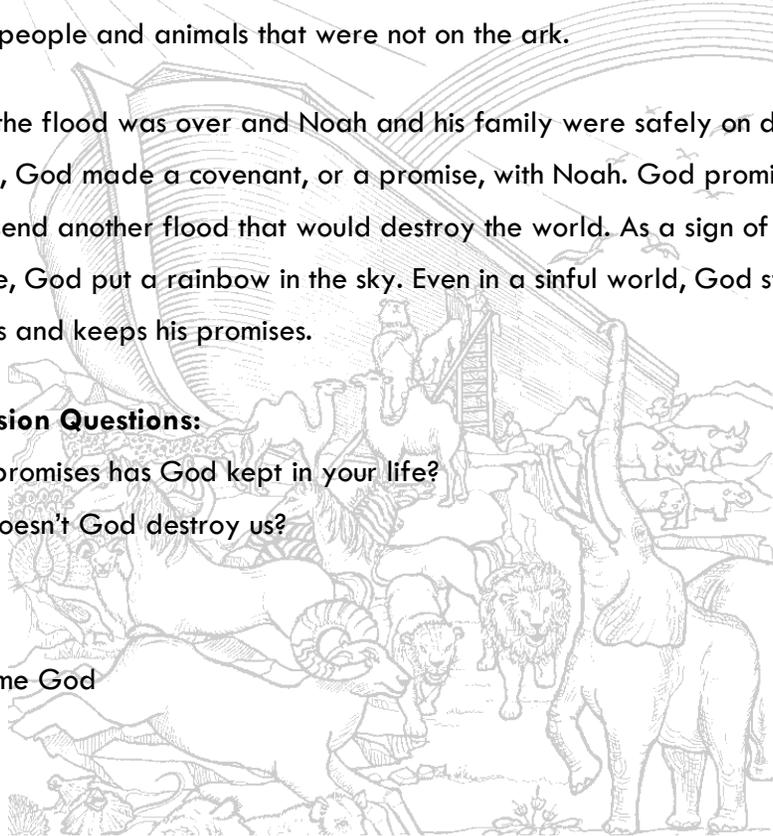
What promises has God kept in your life?

Why doesn't God destroy us?

Sing

Awesome God

Pray



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DAY FIVE : CAMEL

Scripture:

Genesis 12.1-7

Reading:

God often asks us to do things that are hard to do. He asks us to be good when it would be so much easier--and sometimes more fun--to be naughty. God asks us to go places and do things we'd rather not do. But He is always faithful and gives us the strength to do it.

God asked Abram to take a long trip, and to leave behind the place that Abram called home. But in return, God made promises to Abram. God promised that Abram would be blessed by God. Abram still had problems and struggles, especially when he forgot to listen to God's directions, but God kept all of the promises made to Abram. Most importantly, God was Abram's friend forever.

Discussion Questions:

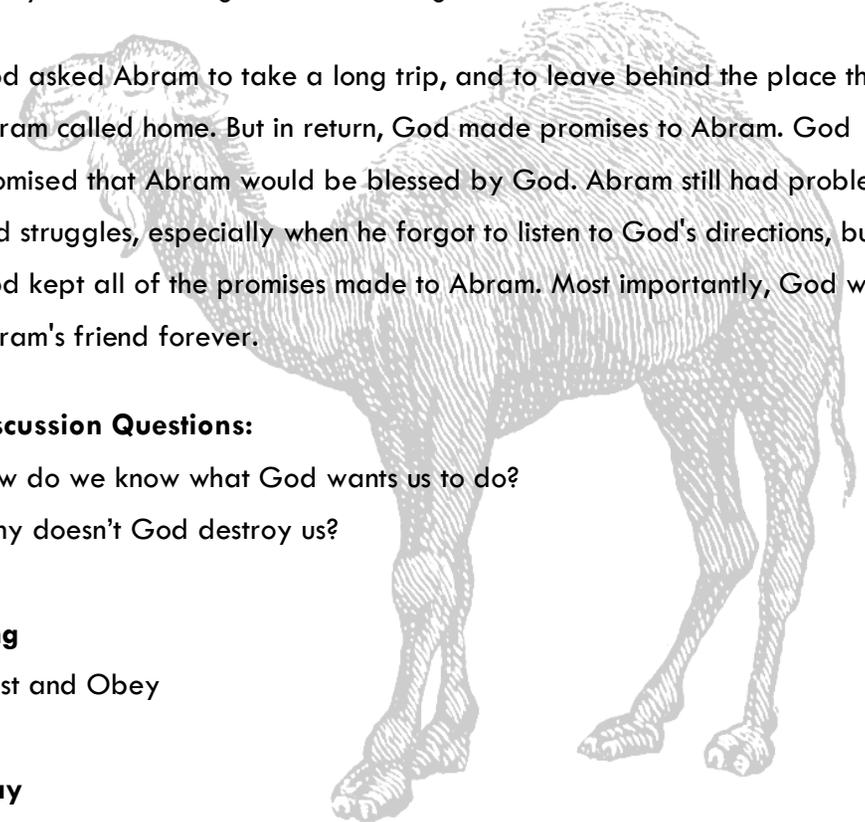
How do we know what God wants us to do?

Why doesn't God destroy us?

Sing

Trust and Obey

Pray



ADVENT

DAY SIX : CRADLE

Scripture:

Genesis 21.1-7

Reading:

Have you ever wanted something so much that you thought you would die if you didn't get it? It's so hard to be happy when we focus on the things we don't have, instead of the things we do have. God has blessed us in more ways that we could ever count.

Sarah wanted a baby more than anything, but even though she prayed a lot and tried everything she could think of, she didn't have a baby. As she got older she finally decided that God would not give her a child. But then God gave Sarah a son, and she named him Isaac. Sarah was very happy and grateful to God for giving her a wonderful son when she had given up on her dream.

Discussion Questions:

What are some things that God has blessed you with?

Why doesn't God destroy us?

Sing

Trust and Obey

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DAY SEVEN : RAM

Scripture:

Genesis 22.1-14

Reading:

Isaac was a special boy, and his father, Abraham, loved him very much. But Abraham loved God even more than he loved Isaac. One day God asked Abraham to take Isaac on a journey. Abraham obeyed. God also asked Abraham to kill Isaac as a sacrifice, as a way of showing how much Abraham loved God.

Abraham was sad, but he knew that he had to obey God. He trusted that even though he was being asked to do something terrible, God would make everything right. As he was getting ready to sacrifice Isaac, God stopped Abraham and saved Isaac's life. God sent Abraham a ram as a sacrifice to honor God, and thank him for saving Isaac's life.

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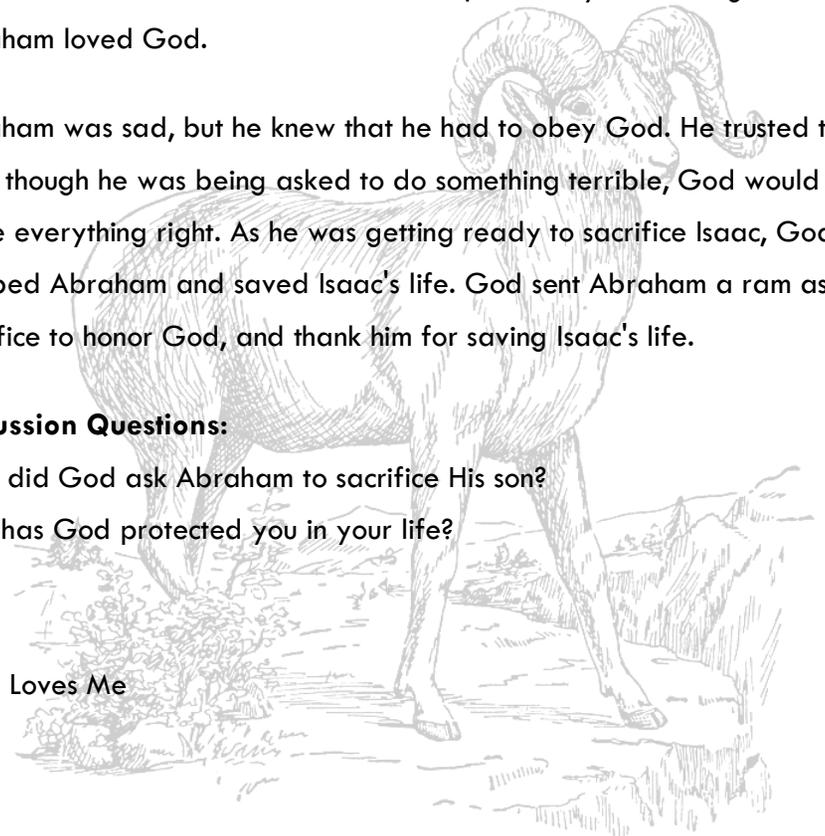
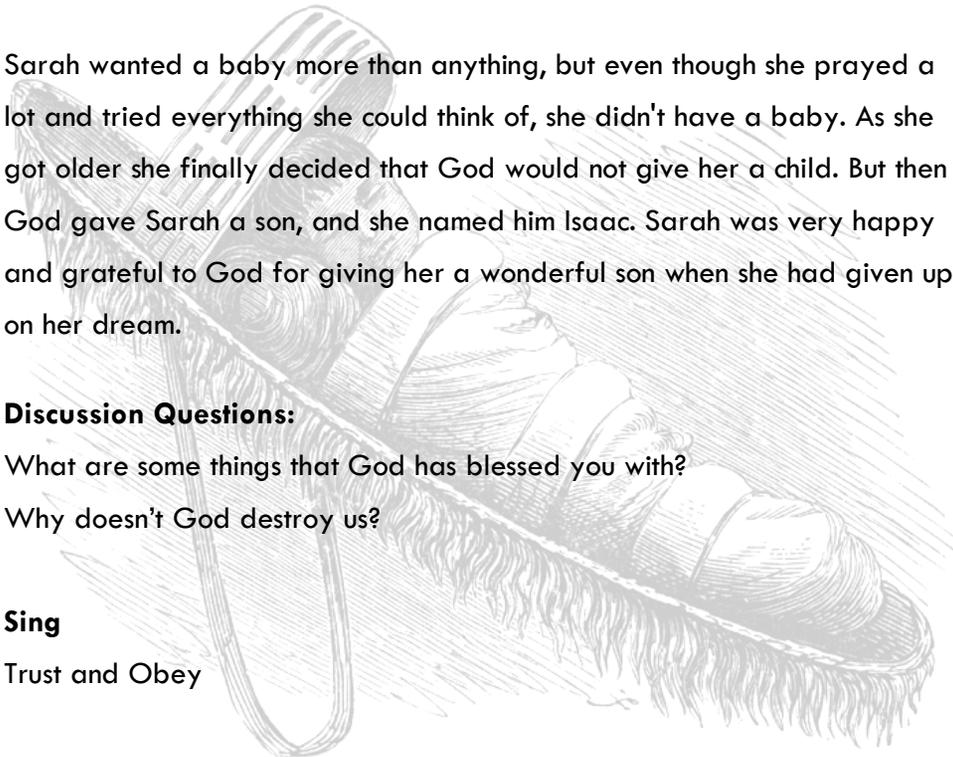
Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice His son?

How has God protected you in your life?

Sing

Jesus Loves Me

Pray



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DAY EIGHT : LADDER

Scripture:

Genesis 28.10-22

Reading:

Jacob had not always been a good person. He had done some unkind things, but instead of saying he was sorry, Jacob ran away. He lived away from his family for many years, but now it was time to meet with his brother. He had to face up to the things he had done wrong many years before.

When Jacob ran away from his family, he may have thought that he was running away from God, too. The night before he was going to see his brother, God spoke to Jacob in a dream. God reminded Jacob of promises God had made to Jacob's father and grandfather, and that those promises were meant for Jacob, too. Jacob thought that he had run away from God, but God was always with him.

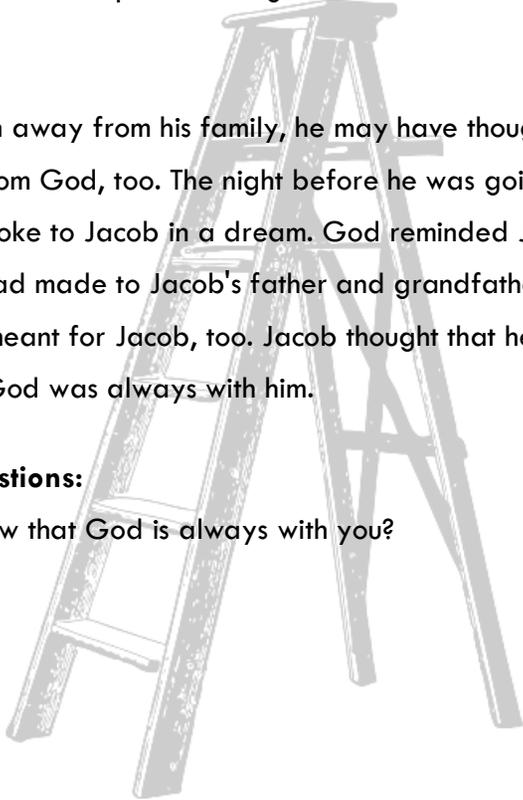
Discussion Questions:

How do you know that God is always with you?

Sing

Jesus Loves Me

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DAY NINE : COAT

Scripture:

Genesis 37.1-36; 50.15-21

Reading:

Sometimes even love cannot protect us from bad things. Joseph was loved very much by his father, Israel (Jacob), but Joseph's brothers hated him. They sold him to a man who made him a servant and put him in prison.

But God had given Joseph a special gift of understanding dreams, and Joseph was able to use his special gift to help others. He was rewarded for his help by being given a very important job. While he was doing this job, he again met his brothers, who did not recognize him. Even though Joseph could have been mean to his brothers, he chose to help them. He knew that even though he had gone through some terrible times, God had been with him through everything, and God had made good out of his bad times.

Discussion Questions:

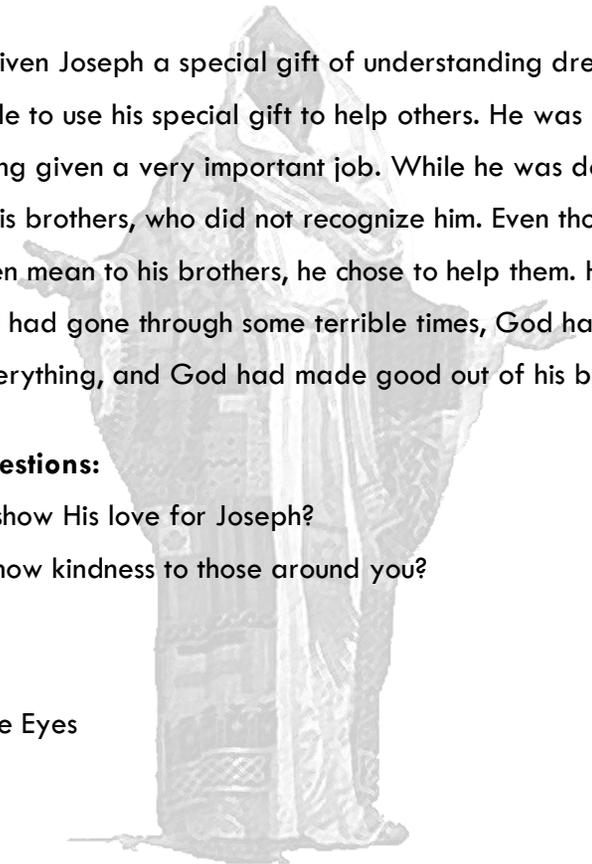
How did God show His love for Joseph?

How can you show kindness to those around you?

Sing

Be Careful Little Eyes

Pray



ADVENT

DAY TEN : TABLETS

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 5.1-22

Reading:

God wants us to be good to each other. God wants us to treat others the way that we want to be treated. To help us to understand how to care for each other, many years ago God gave Moses the ten best rules for living. These rules are called the Ten Commandments, and they are still good rules for us today.

Not everybody likes to follow the rules. They think rules keep them from having fun. But God gave us the rules not as a punishment, but as a way of helping us to know God, and to show God that we are thankful for what He has done for us. God wants us to do good, and will help us to do the right thing by guiding us to the right path.

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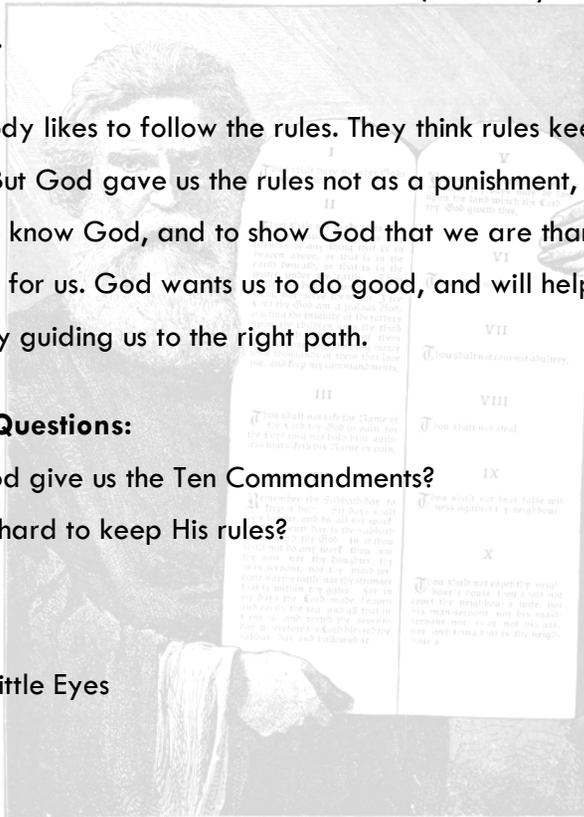
Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?

Why is it so hard to keep His rules?

Sing

Be Careful Little Eyes

Pray



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DAY ELEVEN : ROPE

Scripture:

Joshua 2.1-21

Reading:

The Israelites were ready to enter the land that God had promised them. They sent two men into the land to find out more about the land. It was very dangerous to go into the land; if the people who ruled the land had found the two Israelites they would have been killed.

Rahab saved the lives of two of God's people. She hid the two men in her house and then helped them to escape. She knew that God had promised the city of Jericho to Joshua and the Israelites, and she believed that God is a powerful God.

Brave Rahab honored God because she believed in God's power. In return, the Israelites protected Rahab and her family. Rahab hung a red rope from the window in her house so that the Israelites would remember to protect her. And God took care of her for the rest of her life.

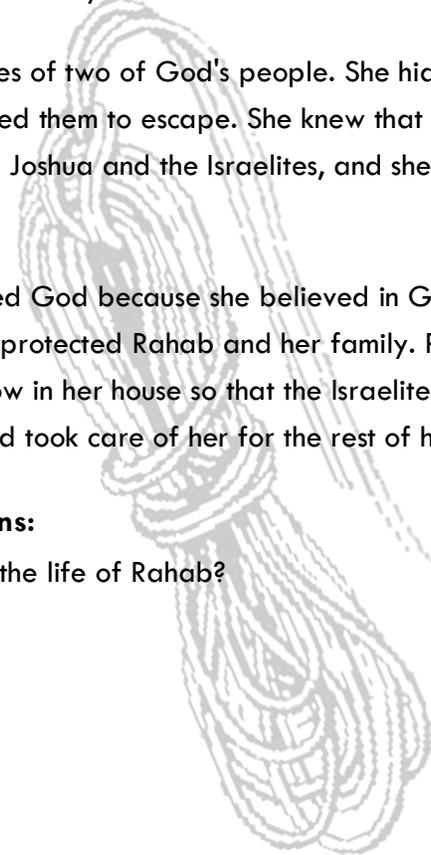
Discussion Questions:

Why did God save the life of Rahab?

Sing

Amazing Grace

Pray



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DAY TWELVE : WHEAT

Scripture:

Ruth 1.15-2.3

Reading:

Ruth and Naomi had lost all the people they loved. Naomi's two sons--one of them was Ruth's husband--had died, and Naomi's husband had died too. Naomi had been living in Ruth's country, far from her family, and so Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem. Ruth could have stayed in her own country with her own family, but she chose to go to Bethlehem with Naomi.

Naomi was so sad that she thought that God had forgotten her. In the days of the Bible, most women couldn't get jobs, so women would go the fields and take the grain that the farmers left behind. Ruth went to the field to gather grain, and there she met Boaz, a relative of Naomi's, who took care of them. Boaz and Ruth married and had a son, and Naomi was happy. She knew that God had not forgotten them, even when she had been sad.

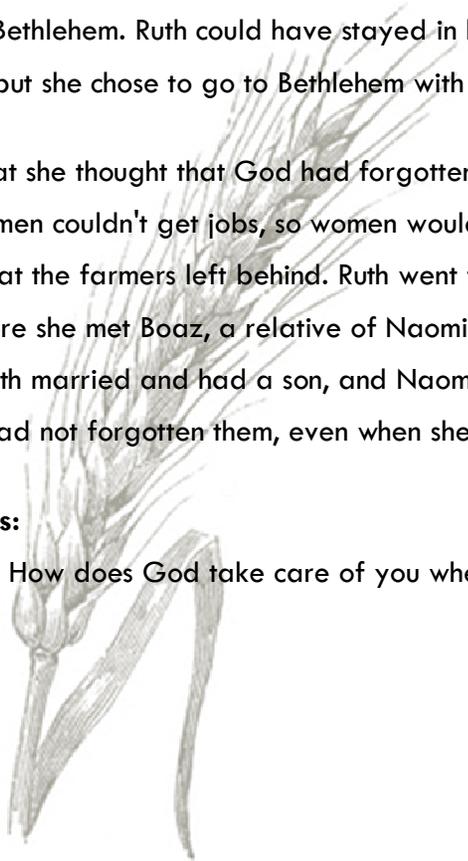
Discussion Questions:

What make you sad? How does God take care of you when you are sad?

Sing

Amazing Grace

Pray



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DAY THIRTEEN : OIL

Scripture:

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Reading:

God has a plan for you. Even when we are young, God sees into our hearts and knows what kind of people we are and will be.

Most of the grown-ups who saw David thought he was just a kid who tended the sheep, but while David was still a child, God chose him to be a king. God's servant Samuel poured oil on David's head and anointed him as the future king of Israel.

God has a plan for each of us. Not many of us will be rulers, but each of us can serve God in important ways. It's important to listen for God's call and to find ways to honor God in our lives. And when He calls we need to be ready to do what He asks!

Discussion Questions:

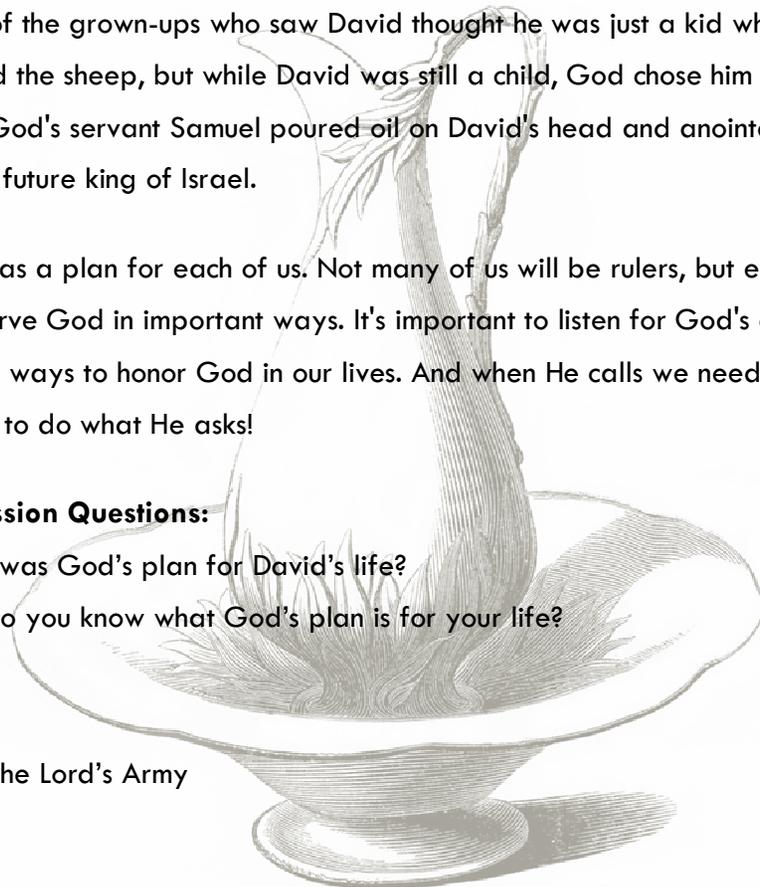
What was God's plan for David's life?

How do you know what God's plan is for your life?

Sing

I'm in the Lord's Army

Pray



ADVENT

DAY FOURTEEN : CROWN

Scripture:

2 Samuel 5.1-5

Reading:

Although David was chosen by God to be king when he was a boy, he didn't become king until he was thirty years old. David was a good king because God guided him and because David listened to God. David served as king for forty years.

Being a king is an important job. Kings must be wise and strong; they must do what is good for the people of their land. Sometimes they must fight wars, but whenever possible they need to try to keep peace. Kings protect their people like shepherds protect their sheep.

David had been a shepherd, and then he became a king. God trusted him to take care of the people of Israel.

Discussion Questions:

When should you strive for peace?

When do you need to stand up and fight for God?

Sing

I'm in the Lord's Army

Pray

ADVENT

DAY FIFTEEN : ROSE

Scripture:

Isaiah 9.2-7

Reading:

Many, many years before Jesus was born, people called prophets would bring God's message to the people of Israel. The prophets reminded the people of what God wanted them to do. God wanted them to be good and kind to others. The prophets told the people to worship the one true God.

The prophets also reminded people that God had promised a savior. The prophets also gave the people hope that no matter how bad things might be here on earth, God had not forgotten them. God was going to send a child who would grow to be the world's savior. And God had always keeps His promises to His people.

Discussion Questions:

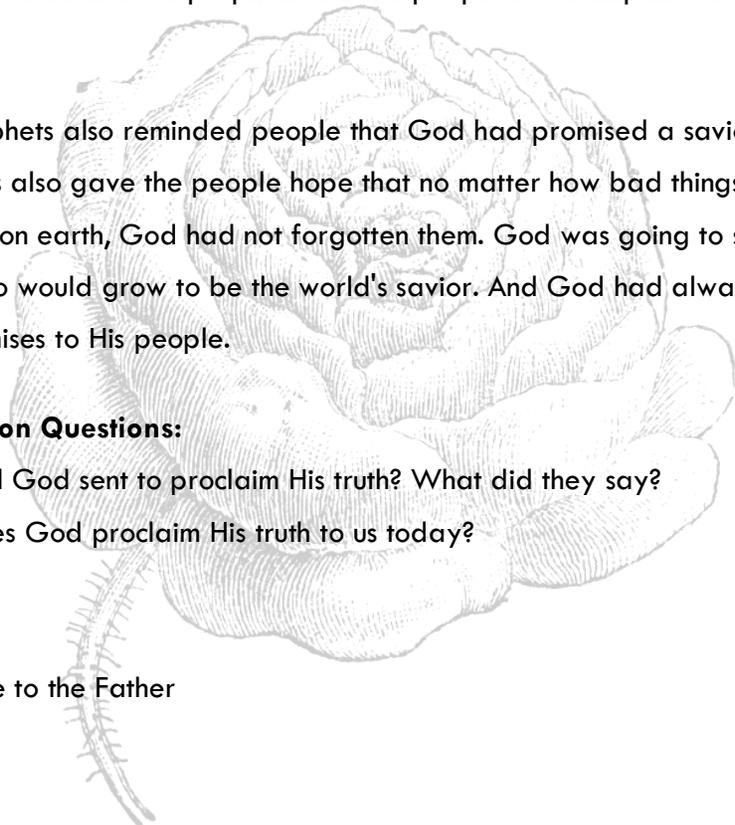
Who did God sent to proclaim His truth? What did they say?

How does God proclaim His truth to us today?

Sing

Glory Be to the Father

Pray



ADVENT

DAY SIXTEEN : ALTAR

Scripture:

1 Kings 18.17-24, 36-39

Reading:

The people of Israel had forgotten to worship God. Instead, they were worshipping a false god named Baal. God sent his prophet Elijah to remind the people about the true God. But the people didn't want to listen to Elijah. So Elijah offered to show the people God's power. He prepared a sacrifice, and the prophets of Baal prepared a sacrifice. The prophets of Baal prayed that their god would send fire to burn the sacrifice, but of course the false god did nothing. But when Elijah prayed, God sent fire.

The Israelites had forgotten God, until God showed them a miracle. God still does miracles today, but we need to remember God even if we don't see miracles. Our God is a great God; we need to praise God at all times.

Discussion Questions:

How did God show everyone who He was?

How can we be sure that God is real?

Sing

Glory Be to the Father

Pray

ADVENT

DAY SEVENTEEN : LAMB/WOLF

Scripture:

Isaiah 11.6-9

Reading:

Animals are one of God's great gifts to us. God made each animal unique. Many of them are gentle, but many others can hurt us or other animals. Most animals only hurt others when they are hungry or frightened.

Before Eve and Adam sinned, all of the animals got along with each other. There was no danger. God created a peaceful kingdom, but sin changed things. Someday God will restore peace to the world. There will be no hunger or fear, and all of the animals will get along again. They will not hurt each other, and we will not hurt them.

In a peaceful world, all of God's children will get along too. There will be no more war and no more pain. What a wonderful world that will be!

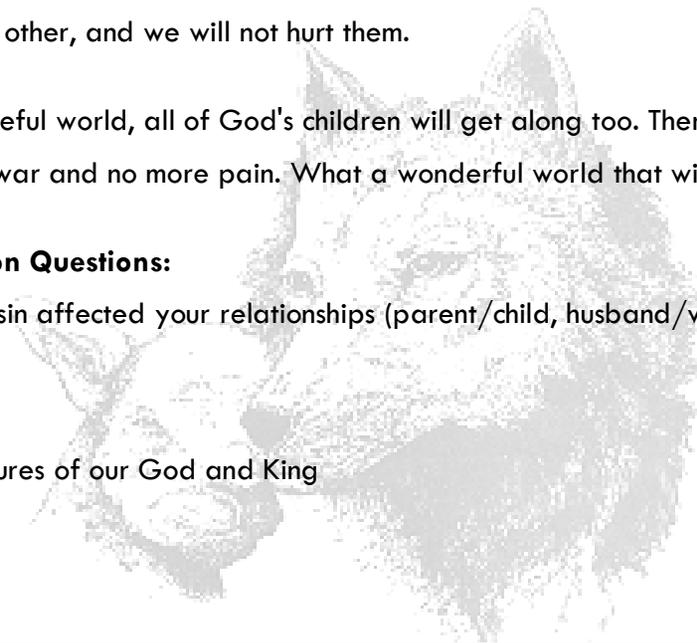
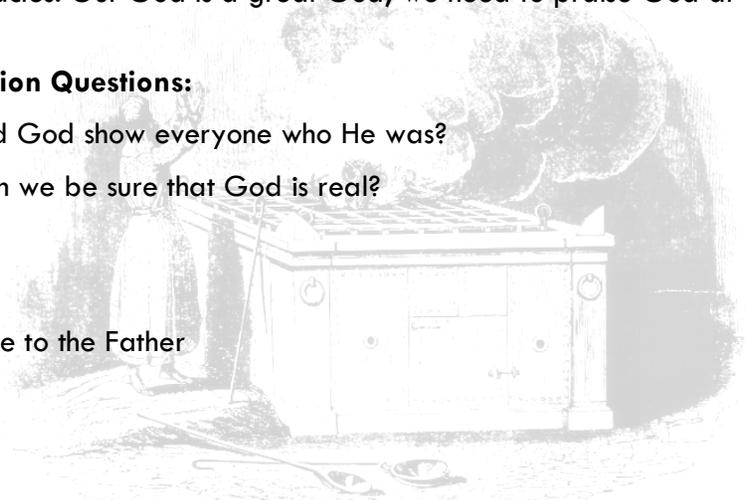
Discussion Questions:

How has sin affected your relationships (parent/child, husband/wife)?

Sing

All Creatures of our God and King

Pray



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DAY EIGHTEEN : FISH

Scripture:

Jonah 3.1-5

Reading:

Jonah was one of God's special preachers, called a prophet. God asked Jonah to do a special and important job. But Jonah didn't want to do the job God asked him to do, and so he ran away.

Of course, God always knew where Jonah went; no one can run away from God. God was with Jonah on the storm-tossed ship, and God was with Jonah in the belly of the fish. God was with Jonah when he finally went to Nineveh to do the job God had asked Jonah to do.

We can't run away from God. God wants us to obey him, but even when we don't, God is still with us. God loves us at all times and in all places.

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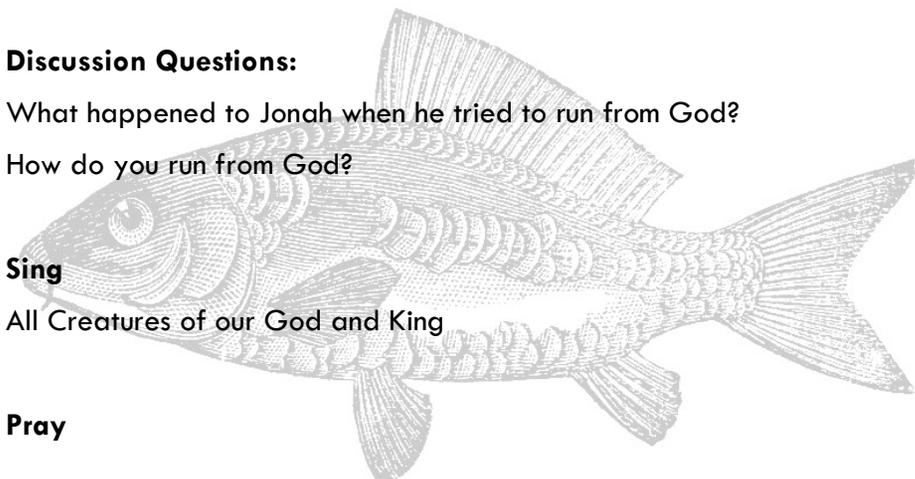
What happened to Jonah when he tried to run from God?

How do you run from God?

Sing

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ADVENT

DAY NINETEEN : SCEPTOR

Scripture:

Esther 4

Reading:

God is at work in everything. Sometimes things don't seem to make any sense to us at all, but later we understand why God put us in a certain place at a certain time.

Esther was a beautiful woman, and because she was beautiful she became queen. But because she was brave, she saved the Jewish people from death. Esther's uncle told her of the danger to her and to her people, and he helped her to plan how to save the people. At first she didn't think she could help, but her uncle reminded her that everyone is important.

God had put Esther in the palace for a special job. Her bravery saved many lives.

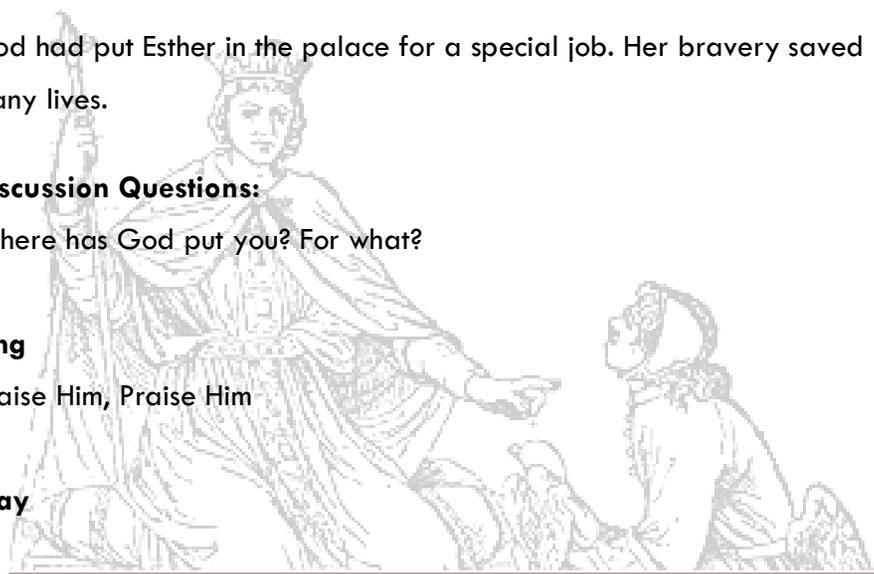
Discussion Questions:

Where has God put you? For what?

Sing

Praise Him, Praise Him

Pray



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DAY TWENTY : CITY

Scripture:

Micah 5.1-5a

Reading:

Often God does things that surprise us. God chose the small town of Bethlehem for the birthplace of Jesus. In Bible times, most rulers in important families were born in bigger cities, but Jesus was born into an ordinary family in a small village.

God chose Bethlehem many years before Jesus was born. The prophet Micah wrote that Bethlehem would be the place where the Savior would be born. But even so, the town of Bethlehem wasn't ready for the birth of Jesus. There was no place prepared for God's Son to be born.

The day when we celebrate Jesus' birth will soon be here. We need to make our hearts ready.

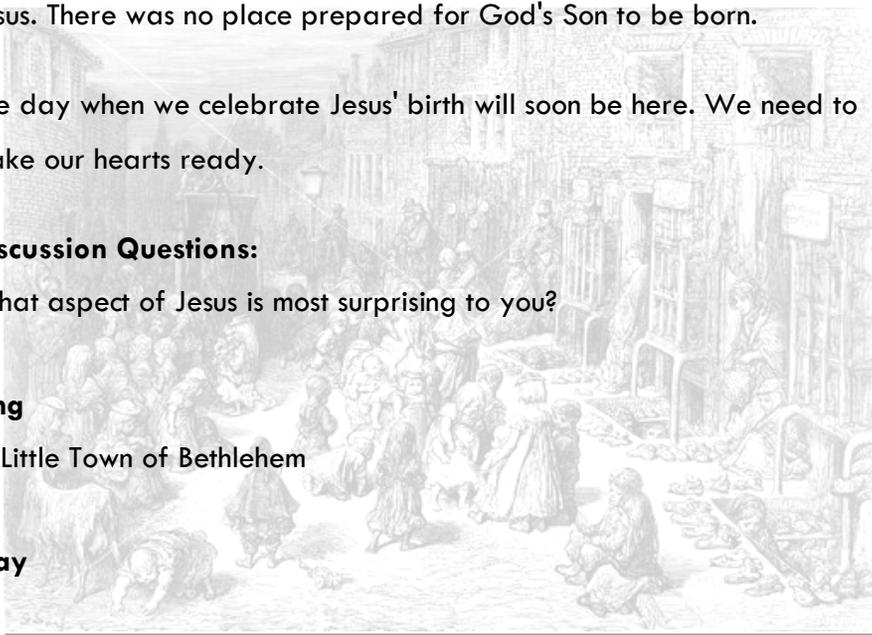
Discussion Questions:

What aspect of Jesus is most surprising to you?

Sing

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Pray



ADVENT

DAY TWENTY-ONE : LION

Scripture:

Daniel 6

Reading:

God wants to be the most important thing in our lives: more important than our family, more important than our things, more important than even our own lives. Daniel understood that; he worshiped God even though it might cost him everything, even his own life.

It was against the law for Daniel to worship God, but Daniel knew that God is the only true God, and he would not stop worshiping God. Daniel was punished for breaking the law, and he was put in a pit with lions. But God protected Daniel from becoming the lions' dinner. People learned of God's power because of Daniel, and many others worshiped God because Daniel had trusted and honored God.

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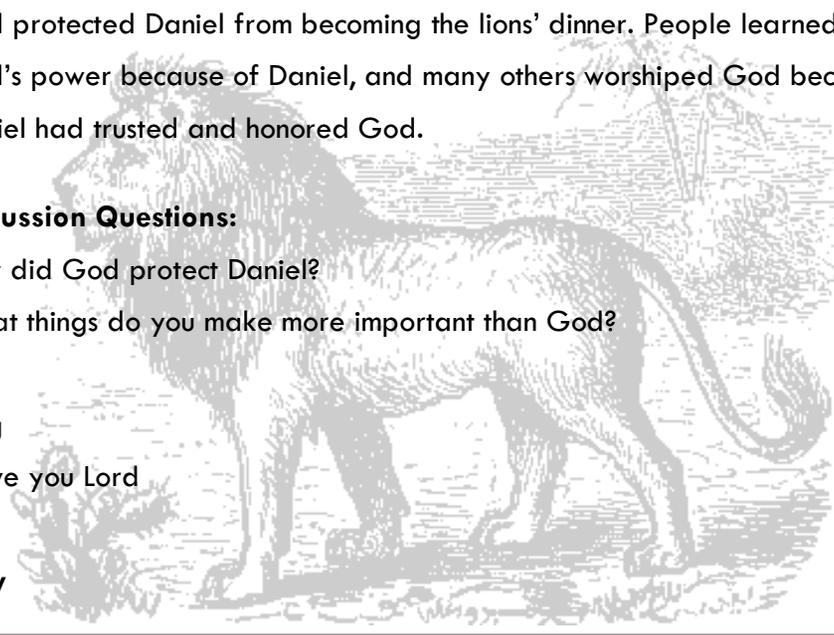
How did God protect Daniel?

What things do you make more important than God?

Sing

I Love you Lord

Pray



ADVENT

DAY TWENTY-TWO : TOWER

Scripture:

Habbakuk 2.1-4

Reading:

Christmas is coming! Waiting is so hard! But we know that Christmas will eventually come, and our waiting will be over. We wait for so many things, some of them happy and some of them not so happy. Waiting means we are looking ahead to the future.

Before Jesus was born, the people were waiting for a savior. They had faith that God would keep his promise. They waited a long time; some of them forgot to keep looking for God's promised son. They no longer cared about God or God's promise, and when Jesus arrived they didn't recognize him. But those who remembered and trusted God recognized Jesus and their waiting was finally over.

Discussion Questions:

Why didn't the people recognize Jesus?

What things do you make more important than God?

Sing

I Love you Lord

Pray

ADVENT

DAY TWENTY-THREE : ANGEL

Scripture:

Luke 1.5-25

Reading:

Sometimes even good people have prayers that are not answered. Zechariah and Elizabeth honored God, and God loved them, but they did not have a child. One day while Zechariah was working in the temple, an angel brought him a message from God, saying that he and Elizabeth were going to have a very special son and his name was going to be John.

Zechariah wasn't sure he believed the angel, and so God took away Zechariah's voice as a sign of God's power. Imagine if you had seen an angel who had told you wonderful, happy news, and you weren't able to tell anyone what had happened! Zechariah was sad to have lost his voice, but he was happy to know that he would have a son chosen by God to do important work.

Discussion Questions:

How can God use you? How will you tell others about it?

Sing

This Little Light of Mine

Pray

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DAY TWENTY-FOUR : STONES

Scripture:

Matthew 3.1-6

Reading:

Elizabeth and Zechariah's son grew up to be John the Baptist. He was Jesus' cousin. God chose him to tell the people about Jesus.

John wanted people to know that Jesus is the Son of God, the savior that God had promised the people so many years ago. He wanted them to be ready to believe in Jesus. John wanted the people to remember God, and he baptized them in the river. He reminded people to repent and believe!

John did not look like other people, and some people probably thought he was a little strange. But many other people listened to John, and they were ready to believe in Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

How did John prepare the way for the Lord?

What has God called us to do?

Sing

This Little Light of Mine

Pray

ADVENT

DAY TWENTY-FIVE : HEART

Scripture:

Luke 1.26-38

Reading:

God had a special job for someone. God was looking for an earthly home for baby Jesus. Jesus was going to need a mother who loved and trusted God. He would need a mother who was smart and strong and loving. God chose Mary to be Jesus' mother.

God sent an angel to talk to Mary. Mary wasn't sure that she could be a good mother to Jesus, but the angel reminded Mary that God would be with her. Mary knew that being a mother is a difficult and important job, but she knew that God would guide her. She also knew that she loved God and wanted to do whatever she could to serve him. Mary said yes with a joyful heart.

Discussion Questions:

What did God ask Mary to do?

How can you be joyful in serving God?

Sing

I've Got the Joy

Pray

ADVENT

DAY TWENTY-SIX : TOOLS

Scripture:

Matthew 1.18-25

Reading:

Yesterday we talked about Jesus' mother, Mary. Jesus also had an earthly father named Joseph, who was a carpenter.

When Joseph found at Mary was pregnant, he was going to end their engagement. He knew that the baby was not his, so he assumed it belonged to some other man.

God sent an angel to talk to Joseph in a dream. The angel explained that God had chosen Mary, and that Mary's baby would be very special.

When Joseph woke up, he knew that he and Mary were a part of God's plan.

Discussion Questions:

What did God ask Joseph to do?

Why do we need to be ready to serve God at all times?

Sing

I've Got the Joy

Pray

ADVENT

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN : SANDALS

Scripture:

Luke 2.1-5

Reading:

Sometimes taking a trip is fun, like when we go on vacation. Sometimes it's not so fun, like when we go to the doctor when we're sick. But usually when we're on a journey, whether a short trip or a long one, we experience something new. God uses our journeys to teach us about ourselves and to teach us about Him.

Mary and Joseph went on a journey. If we were to take the same journey by car it wouldn't take very long, but because Mary and Joseph were walking, it took a long time. They had to go to Bethlehem because the country's ruler said they had to. But their whole journey was part of God's plan. God uses earthly means to accomplish His divine plans.

Discussion Questions:

Why were Mary and Joseph on a journey?

What things has God done in your life to teach you about Him?

Sing

Be Thou My Vision

Pray

ADVENT

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT : STAR

Scripture:

Luke 2.6-21

Reading:

Our waiting is over! Jesus is born! The star is shining, the angels are singing, the shepherds are worshiping. Our savior is here!

Mary was happy to have her beautiful baby, but she knew that raising God's son was going to be a challenge. But for the moment she tried to enjoy all the amazing things that had happened.

When sin first came into the world, God made a promise. Even when the people forgot about God and the promise, God didn't forget about His people. God guided His people, protected His people, and loved His people. God is faithful, and today the savior is here.

Discussion Questions:

What was the promise that God made to Adam and Eve?

How has God been faithful to you?

Sing

Joy to the World

Pray

ADVENT

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in His hands,
He's got the moon and the stars in His hands,
He's got the wind and the clouds in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands,
He's got the oceans and the seas in His hands,
He's got you and he's got me in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody there in His hands,
He's got everybody everywhere in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

ADVENT

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

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ADVENT

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

ADVENT

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so

ADVENT

BE CAREFUL LITTLE EYES

Oh, be careful little eyes, what you see, (repeat)
For the Father up above,
is looking down in love,
So be careful little eyes
What you see.

Oh, be careful little ears, what you hear (repeat)
For the Father Up above,
Is looking down in love,
So be careful little ears
what you hear.

Oh, be careful little hands, what you do (repeat),
For the Father up above,
Is looking down in love,
So be careful little hands
What you do

Oh, be careful little feet where you go (repeat)
For the Father up above,
Is looking down in love,
So be careful little feet,
Where you go.

ADVENT

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

ADVENT

I'M IN THE LORD'S ARMY

I may never march in the infantry
Ride in the cavalry
Shoot the artillery
I may never fly o'er the enemy
But I'm in the Lord's army!
Yes Sir!

I'm in the Lord's army!
Yes sir!
I'm in the Lord's army!
Yes sir!

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Ride in the cavalry
Shoot the artillery
I may never fly o'er the enemy
But I'm in the Lord's army!
Yes Sir!

ADVENT

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

Amen.

ADVENT

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh, praise Him
Oh, praise Him
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia

Let all things their creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh, praise Him
Oh, praise Him
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia

ADVENT

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM

Praise Him praise Him all ye little children God is love God is love
Praise Him praise Him all ye little children God is love God is love

Love Him love Him all ye little children God is love God is love
Love Him love Him all ye little children God is love God is love

Serve Him serve Him all ye little children God is love God is love
Serve Him serve Him all ye little children God is love God is love

ADVENT

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

ADVENT

I LOVE YOU LORD

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
Oh, my soul rejoice!
Take joy my King
In what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

ADVENT

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

ADVENT

I'VE GOT THE JOY

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.

Where? Down in my heart!

Where? Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart,

Where? Down in my heart!

Where? Down in my heart!

I've got the peace that passes understanding,
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've the got love of Jesus, love of Jesus

Down in my heart,

Where? Down in my heart!

Where? Down in my heart!

I've the got love of Jesus, love of Jesus
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

ADVENT

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

ADVENT

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

ADVENT

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