

Week 2 for Families: Jesus Our Peace

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-21

Younger Kids: The Light of the Whole World [*Jesus Storybook Bible*, pgs. 186-191]

Babies and Toddlers: Shepherds Visit [*The Beginner's Bible*, pgs. 277-281]

Family Reflection (Read Together)

When Jesus was born, there was a lot of celebration. The long awaited Jesus entered the world. Some of the people who celebrated the most were the shepherds in the fields who experienced the angels telling them good news about the promised child's arrival - Mary and Joseph's baby! The angels proclaimed "peace among those with whom he [God] is pleased." They celebrated that this baby, Jesus, was the blessing that God promised would bring peace!

Without peace, there is a lot of separation between people. But more importantly, there is separation between us and God. Sin breaks our relationship with God the Father and separates us from Him. But God sent Jesus to bring us close to Him. Jesus's birth brought peace by saving us from sin and restoring our relationship with God the Father. Jesus healed our relationship with God so that we can have peace with Him and with other people. This type of peace gives us great cause for celebration, just like the shepherds experienced in the fields. Jesus is our long awaited peace!

Family Activity

When we remember that Jesus is our peace by restoring our relationship with God the Father, we want to extend peace to the world by loving others. Let's try that together! Prepare a card for someone that you know. Think about someone that needs a card this Christmas. Maybe it's someone who is sad because they won't be able to see you this year. Or a neighbor or friend who needs some encouragement about something; perhaps you just want to make sure someone knows you love them. Be as creative as possible together as a family and make a card to mail to that person who needs peace this season.

Discussion Questions

Younger Kids: JESUS IS OUR PEACE

Older Kids:

1. Retell the story in your own words.
2. What does peace mean?
3. When do you feel peaceful?
4. How is Jesus our ultimate peace? How does He restore our relationship with God the Father?

Musical Worship

Peace Has Come by Hillsong Worship

Advent Ornament Craft

Use the instructions from the kids craft in the Advent Box to create the PEACE ornament. You can find the ornament here or find one online that says or describes hope. Answer the following prompt:
I create peace when...

Prayer

Invite the family to pray about peace this advent season. During the time of this pandemic, it may feel like things are unsettled and not peaceful. But God has already brought peace into the world when Jesus came to us as a baby. We have a lot to celebrate about because Jesus is with us and has restored our relationship to God the Father! Pray that God will reveal His presence to you, and others this advent season, and that you can find peace in Him.