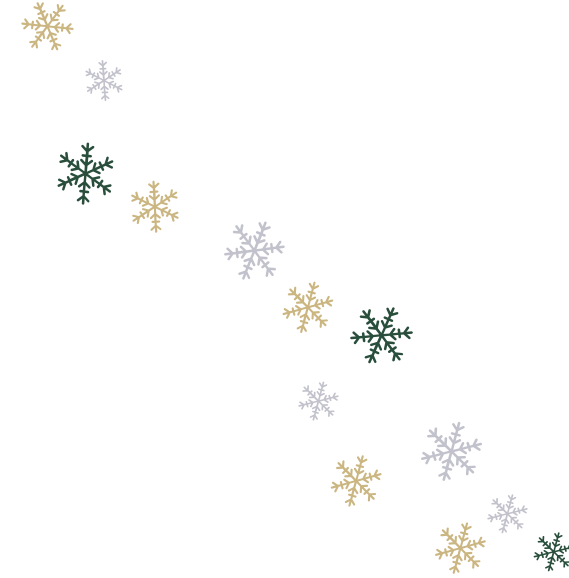


FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR 2021

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 4 <i>Finding HOPE this Christmas (Light 1 candle.)</i> The world tells us to put our hope in money, success, people, and fame, but we know that all those things will fail us and fade away! If we hope in these things, we have no idea how things will turn out. We are simply wishing for the best. When we put our hope and trust in Jesus, He will never let us down. The hope that Jesus brings gives us confidence that even though we don't know exactly how things will turn out, we can trust that it will be for our best!	11/28 TALK God gave us great news! What is that? Talk about who you can tell and give hope to this Christmas?	11/29 READ Read Jeremiah 29:11. Talk about the hope and confidence we have in Jesus knowing that He has a plan for our life.	11/30 SING Sing the song "Hope Has Come!" Make up your own actions to the song! Here's the Youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3esVV-oRGY	12/1 SERVE Make cards and draw pictures sharing the hope of Jesus and deliver them to a local nursing home this week.	12/2 FUN Flip a coin several times and guess heads or tails. Talk about the difference between wishing things go our way vs. hoping and trusting Jesus will always make things turn out the best way!	12/3 PRAY Pray for your family's faith to strengthen this Advent season. "God, please help us find our hope in you when we _____."	12/4 MAKE Decorate a rock. Put it next to your bed to remind you Jesus is the Rock you can always put your hope and trust in! He will never fail you.
WEEK 2: DECEMBER 5-11 <i>Finding LOVE this Christmas (Light 2 candles.)</i> Jesus demonstrated the most incredible love when He became human and was born a baby at Christmas, even though He knew that later He would be rejected and even put to death. He loved us SO MUCH and valued us enough that He was willing to come to earth to pay the price for our sins. Jesus' love is not conditional. He does not cancel His love for us when we make mistakes. His love for each of us is not based on who we are and what we do, it's all about who HE is!	12/5 TALK Share about a time when you felt like you didn't matter? Share about a time you felt very loved. Talk about Jesus' unconditional love for you.	12/6 READ Share about a time when you felt like you didn't matter? Share about a time you felt very loved. Talk about Jesus' unconditional love for you.	12/7 SING Sing "Jesus Loves Me!" See how many different styles/ways you can come up with to sing this song. For example: cowboy style, underwater, rock-n-roll, slow motion, warp speed. Close your time by thanking Jesus for loving you no matter what!	12/8 SERVE Fill a basket with water and treats and put it out on your front porch for the people who deliver packages to your house. Be sure to include a note or picture sharing Jesus' love.	12/9 FUN Get dice. Each person chooses a number on the dice. Take turns rolling the dice. Share something you love or value about the person whose number you rolled. Repeat many times.	12/10 PRAY Think of someone you may not like much. Pray for you to see them as Jesus does & have unconditional love for them.	12/11 MAKE Cut out heart shapes. Make "love notes" talking about Jesus' love. Hide them around your house or neighborhood for people to find by surprise!
WEEK 3: DECEMBER 12-18 <i>Finding JOY this Christmas (Light 3 candles.)</i> Joy is not the same as happiness. We can find joy even during sadness, because of Jesus. The world around us teaches us that everything is All About Me and My Happiness! At Christmas, Jesus showed us the exact opposite. He put others before Himself so much that He came down from heaven into the sad, broken world so that we might be lifted to experience real life with Him! Jesus demonstrated the heart of a servant and modeled how to experience true joy by focusing on God the Father and seeing others through His eyes! J.O.Y. = Jesus. Others. You.	12/12 TALK Talk about a time you thought you were helping someone else to bring them JOY but you ended up feeling JOY by serving them.	12/13 READ Luke 10:25-37. Act out the story. How did the Samaritan put the man's needs before his own? How was he like Jesus? How can you care for someone else?	12/14 SING Have a worship dance party with this song as you remember how to have real JOY! Here's the YouTube link: https://youtu.be/KvZa_6igXtw	12/15 SERVE What can you sacrifice for another person? Your time? Your stuff? Each person pick what he/she will do to bring JOY to someone else this Advent.	12/16 FUN Make an invitation to our HCBC Christmas services. Take it to a neighbor and invite them to join you.	12/17 PRAY Spend time praying only for the needs of OTHER people and ask God to guide you in how to serve them.	12/18 MAKE Make or bake your favorite dessert! Don't eat it! Instead take it to a neighbor and share Jesus with them.
WEEK 4: DECEMBER 19-25 <i>Finding PEACE this Christmas (Light 4 candles.)</i> Peace is not the absence of conflict or unrest. True peace is being able to rest in knowing that Jesus is in control even in our most restless times. Amid the chaos, as others seek a "feeling" of peace from worldly sources, we can have real peace in our hearts because we know Jesus is peace and our eternity is secure in Him alone, no matter what is going on around us.	12/19 TALK Talk about peace and what each person thinks it means. Share about a time when you didn't feel at peace. How do you experience the peace Jesus brings?	12/20 READ Read Mark 4:35-41. What happened while the disciples were on the boat? What did Jesus do? Talk about how Jesus brings ultimate peace during the storms of life.	12/21 SING Turn off all the lights and have a candlelight time of worship. Sing "Silent Night" as a family	12/22 SERVE Write a note of encouragement to a soldier. Check out www.supportourtroops.org Encourage them that even in their time of war/battle there is peace in Jesus.	12/23 FUN Talk a walk. See how many things in nature remind you of God's peace and how He is in control even when things can seem crazy.	12/24 PRAY Share something you are worried about. Pray for your heart to find peace in Jesus as you trust Him with your worry.	12/25 MAKE Make a birthday cake for Jesus, our newborn King and Prince of Peace!



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