

WEEK 4

The Angel Candle: Love

It's Christmas week! May we take time to slow down and sit with the gravity of what this means for us. That Jesus would come to earth in human form, be born in a manger, live a perfect life, die for our sins, and be raised to life. Oh, what a great love He has for us!

Activity Ideas

This week, focus on sharing Christ's love with others. Here are some ideas on how to do that:

- Invite neighbors over for dinner.
- Make Christmas cards for friends or family.
- Donate items to a food pantry.
- Serve in your community.
- Bake cookies for a neighbor.

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Today, we light the fourth candle of Advent, the Angel Candle. This candle represents love. God is love, and it reflects on the message of God's love announced by angels at Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-15). It serves as a reminder of the boundless and endless love that God has for us. In fact, while we were still sinners, God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us (Romans 5:8). God's love will never run out or be extinguished. May this candle shine brightly in your home and encourage us to share God's love with others.

Light the candle and read Ephesians 2:4-5. Then close this devotional in prayer. "God, thank You for sending Jesus to this earth to take on the punishment for my sin, to live the perfect life, die on the cross, and rise from the dead, defeating sin and death. Thank You for Your endless love. Help us be agents of His love to those around us. Amen!" Blow out the candle.

Week 4 | Devotional 1 | Let Your Light Shine

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

When we know God's love, it changes the way we live. His love shines through us like a light in the darkness. Every act of kindness, forgiveness, and care points others to Jesus—the true Light of the world. The Bible tells us we are to be lights to the world and shine for others. We are to be set apart, pointing others to His grace and mercy.

Questions to Ask: Who is someone in your life who shines brightly for Jesus? How can you be a light to those around you?

Close this devotional in prayer: Thank God for using us to be lights for Him. Pray that we would seek Him and love others the way He does. Ask for boldness, strength, wisdom, and compassion.

Week 4 | Devotional 2 | God Loves Us

Scripture Reading: John 3:16

Love gives. God showed the greatest act of love by giving us His Son, Jesus. Real love isn't just about saying words—it's about giving, serving, and putting others first. When we love others like Jesus, we reflect the heart of God. May we be reflections of God's love. This season is a perfect time to love others. May it go beyond the Christmas season and may it be a part of our daily life.

Questions to Ask: What is one way you can “give love” to someone in your family, school, or church?

Close this devotional in prayer: Thank God for Salvation. Pray that those around you will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.