



This family-focused devotional series for the Advent season is designed to help families engage with the true meaning of Christmas through 12 short devotionals. The devotionals are spread across four weeks—Peace, Joy, Love, and Salvation—with three devotionals each week, from December 1 to 25.

The goal is to help families establish a rhythm of doing devotions together while focusing on the hope, joy, peace, and love that Jesus brings into their lives.

We hope that you will take part in this journey with your family in discovering the true reason for the season!







Main Idea: Jesus makes peace between us and God. Through His sacrifice for our sins, the wrath of God no longer rests on us. Jesus' death and resurrection bring us peace with God, reconciling our broken relationship and making us whole again. True peace comes only through Him.

#### Ask It!

The Big Question: Who is Jesus?

#### **Read It!**

God.

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#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer thanking Jesus for making peace for us.





The Big Question: Who is Jesus?

#### Read It!

Matthew 1:20-21,24: 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. Who is Jesus?
  - a. Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to save us.
- 2. How did God give Joseph peace when he was afraid?
  - a. God sent an angel to tell him who Jesus was and what He would do.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer to give Jesus anything you are afraid of, and trust Him.





The Big Question: Who is Jesus?

#### Read It!

Luke 2:13-14: 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. Who is Jesus?
  - a. Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to save us.
- 2. The angels sang "on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" What did Jesus do to bring this peace between God and Man?
  - a. Through His sacrifice for our sins, the wrath of God no longer rests on us. Jesus' death and resurrection bring us peace with God, reconciling our broken relationship and making us whole again.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer praising Jesus for the sacrifice He made to make peace between God and Man.

Make It, Then Bring It: "Peace of Paper" - Tear a piece of paper in half and then tape it back together to symbolize how Jesus brings peace between us and God, restoring our relationship with Hlm. Bring this to church on Sunday, December 8, and show it to to a team member at the Kingdom Kids desk for a cool surprise!







Main Idea: We receive joy from Jesus, as being in relationship with God brings us true joy. Jesus is our Joy. When we walk with Him, we find that joy isn't just about circumstances—it's about being in His presence and knowing Him deeply.

#### Ask It!

The Big Question: Is Jesus God or a human?

#### **Read It!**

Luke 2:0-11: 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

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

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. Is Jesus God or a human?
  - a. Jesus is both fully God and fully Human.
- 2. Why was Jesus being born "good news of great joy"?
  - a. Jesus' birth brings us great joy because we need a savior from our sin and death.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer praising God for sending Jesus to Earth.







The Big Question: Is Jesus God or a human?

#### **Read It!**

Matthew 2:10-11: 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. Is Jesus God or a human?
  - a. Jesus is both fully God and fully Human.
- 2. How can we show our joy for Jesus, like the wise men did?
  - a. We can worship Jesus too! We can worship Jesus in our heart by trusting and loving Him. We can also worship Him with our words and actions.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer worshiping Jesus for how He is- wonderful, awesome, and so much more!







The Big Question: Is Jesus God or a human?

#### **Read It!**

John 1:1-2,14: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. Is Jesus God or a human?
  - a. Jesus is both fully God and fully Human.
- 2. Did Jesus ever get hungry or thirsty when He was on earth? Did he get tired? What are things Jesus would have experienced that we do too?
  - a.Yes! Jesus experienced what we experience, physically. He knows what it's like to have a body and live in a broken world.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer thanking God that He humbled Himself and became human and knows what we go through.

Make It, Then Bring It: The wise men had great joy when they saw the star in the sky because they knew it would bring them to Jesus. Draw, color, and cut out a star ornament that you can hang on your front door or Christmas tree to remind you that Jesus is our joy. Bring this to church on Sunday and show it to a team member at the Kingdom Kids desk for a cool surprise!





Main Idea: Jesus showed us the greatest love by giving Himself up for us. There is no greater love anywhere else but in Him. As we abide in His love, we are called to reflect that love to others. Jesus' love is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional—it is the foundation of all true love.

#### Ask It!

The Big Question: Why did Jesus become human?

#### **Read It!**

John 3:16-17: 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

#### Talk About It!

- 1. Why did Jesus become human?
  - a. Jesus became human to rescue sinners.
- 2. Why did God give His only Son?
  - a. We see in these verses that God gave His only Son, Jesus, because He loves us. He made a way for us to be saved through Jesus and believing in Him.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer praising God for His love for us.





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Pray a prayer thanking Jesus for making peace for us.





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Galatians 4:4-5: 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. Why did Jesus become human?
  - a. Jesus became human to rescue sinners.
- 2. When we read these verses, why did God send Jesus?
  - a. God sent Jesus to:
    - 1. Give us a righteousness we could never earn
    - 2. To adopt us as His own children.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer asking God to help you see how much He loves you in sending Jesus to rescue you.

Make It, Then Bring It: Cut out a heart shape and, on it, write just some of the reasons you love God (feel free to color and decorate it!). Bring this to church on Sunday and show it to a team member at the Kingdom Kids desk for a cool surprise!



Main Idea: The mission of Jesus was to restore our broken relationship with God. He made a way for us to be reconciled to the Father. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through Him, we have access to God and the promise of eternal life. Salvation is not just an event; it's a gift, a process, and a calling to follow Him.

#### Ask It!

The Big Question: How did Jesus come to earth?

#### Read It!

John 1:29,34: 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. How did Jesus come to earth?
  - a. Jesus was born as a baby.
- 2. What did John the Baptist call Jesus and what did he say Jesus would do?
  - a. John called Jesus "the Lamb of God," meaning that He is our sacrifice. He said that Jesus would take away the sins of the world.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer praising Jesus for being the Lamb of God who takes away our sin.





The Big Question: How did Jesus come to earth?

#### Read It!

Isaiah 53: 5.6

- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. How did Jesus come to earth?
  - a. Jesus was born as a baby.
- 2. In reading Isaiah's words about Jesus, what things happened to Jesus so we could be saved?
  - a. Even though Jesus never sinned, He was hurt and took our punishment so that we might be spiritually healed and brought back to God.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer thanking Jesus for taking the things we deserved because of our sin.





The Big Question: How did Jesus come to earth?

#### **Read It!**

Revelation 5:12-13: 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

#### **Talk About It!**

- 1. How did Jesus come to earth?
  - a. Jesus was born as a baby.
- 2. These verses show what will happen at the end of days. Who will we be worshipping and why?
  - a. Every living thing will be worshipping Jesus for all of who He is, for all He did, for all eternity.

#### **Pray It!**

Pray a prayer asking God to show you how everything is about Jesus.

Make It, Then Bring It: Draw a picture of what's happening in Revelation 5. There's a lot happening, so don't worry if you can't draw everything. Do your best! As you draw, think about how everything is about worshipping Jesus. Bring it to church and show it to a team member at the Kingdom Kids desk for a cool surprise!

# More resources for you and your family— we hope you have a very Merry Christmas! -Cowee

## **Christmas Hymn Playlist**



Fill your home with the joy of the season by listening to this Christmas hymn playlist! These timeless songs celebrate the hope and love of Jesus' birth, creating a perfect backdrop for family moments and reflection.

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