



# Tell me the story of Christmas

## **SERIES OVERVIEW ADVENT 2022**

As we near the end of 2022, what story is ruling your heart? Is it a story of fear? Of stress? Of material pursuit? This Advent season, it's time to lean in and hear a better story—one that's true, and one that outshines all other stories. The story of Christmas spans thousands of years and has been re-told countless times, and we need it now more than we ever have. In a world that's filled with competing stories, it's time to find stability, joy and hope through the story of Christmas.

**THE STORY OF A PROMISE MADE**  
Isaiah 9:1-7

**1st Sunday of Advent**  
November 27, 2022

**THE STORY OF A FAITHFUL GIRL**  
Luke 1:26-38

**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
December 4, 2022

**THE STORY OF A SAVIOR BORN**  
Luke 2:1-20

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
December 11, 2022

**THE STORY OF THE WISEST MEN**  
Matthew 2:1-12

**4th Sunday of Advent**  
December 18, 2022



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## **FACILITATOR GUIDELINES & SMALL GROUP FORMAT**

1. Encourage your group members to watch the Discovery Bible Format video available on the Small Groups page, to become familiar with the format. Encourage them also to print out the personal reflection sheets each week, to use along with the weekly Scripture passages.
2. Prepare ahead by studying the Scripture passage. Look for the main idea, and think of some examples, stories, or applications from your own life.
3. Respond to questions by asking the group, “What in the passage helps us answer that question?”

### **GROUP STARTER: As you begin, invite each person to share one good thing, and one challenge.**

- What is one thing you are thankful for this week?
- What is one thing that has been a challenge this week?

#### **1. LOOK BACK: Accountability**

- Have someone retell the story from the previous meeting.
- Ask everyone: what did you do differently because of this story? Who did you tell and what was the outcome?

#### **2. READ & RETELL: Invite one person to read the Scripture passage aloud while the rest of the group follows along.**

- Have someone else retell the story. Ask others fill in what is missing.

#### **3. READ & LOOK: Invite someone else to read the passage aloud again.**

- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.
- Discuss what this passage says about humans.

#### **4. READ & APPLY: Invite someone else to read again.**

- According to this passage, what are the things you are doing well? What do you need to change?
- Who else needs to hear this story, and how can you tell them?