



ADVENT

Toddlers | December 7

OPENING

As kids arrive be sure they are engaged in an activity. For the next 4 weeks, we will be exploring the season of Advent with a new word each week: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

STORYTIME and SNACK

Gather kids at the table to eat snacks. Read *An Angel Visits Mary* on page 266 of the Beginners Bible and/or watch *The Angel Speaks to Mary and Joseph*—stop at “Pause for Storyteller”. Ask questions like: What did the angel tell Mary? Do you think she was afraid? The angel told her not to be afraid, God would take care of her. God takes care of us too!

BIBLE STORY

Isaiah 9:6
Luke 1

BIG IDEA

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3-5s | December 7

OPENING OPTIONS (first 20 minutes)

- Coloring or Table Activities
- Peace on Earth Ornaments: Allow kids to color and decorate the ornaments. Talk about how Jesus is our Peace and we can pray for everyone in the world that they would know that He is there Peace too!

BIBLE BOX

- About 20 minutes into the service, clean up and have kids select a carpet stump to sit on.
- Use the Bible Box story to tell the story with Bible Box props
- Pray together and head into snack time.

SNACK

- Gather kids at tables to eat snack
- Snack: Talk about trust - we trust mom and dad to keep us safe, feed us, remember to take us to school and church, etc. Who are other people we can trust? God is even better than people when it comes to being able to trust Him! He will never let us down.

CLOSING OPTIONS (as time allows after snack)

- Finish craft or coloring
- Free play

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Bible Box | December 7

Hello! Thank you for coming to church today!

We have a short video to start out today! (*Watch The Angel Speaks to Mary and Joseph; STOP VIDEO at Pause for Storyteller*).

Let's see what's in our Bible Box today! Hmm, here's our Bible, a halo and some stickers. I will pass these out later, ok? You can trust me! Put stickers in front of you.

Trust means you do what you say you are going to do. I said I would give you a sticker later. You can trust me to do what I said I would do.

A long time ago a girl named Mary learned that she could trust God to do what He said he would do.

Put halo on a student helper. One day, God sent an angel to tell Mary she was going to have a baby. The angel said that this baby was God's son, Jesus! Mary did not have a husband and did not know how God could make this happen but she trusted Him to do what He said He would do. Everyone make Praying Hands

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also having a special baby from God. They both knew God could be trusted! *Wave Happy Hands*

Pull out Advent Wreath. Advent means waiting for something good to happen. Last week we talked about HOPE. We Hope and anticipate his arrival. Today we celebrate the Candle of Peace - which means we can trust God to keep His promises! *Light both candles.*

Did you think I would forget to give you a sticker or did you trust me to remember? Sometimes grown-ups do forget but you can always trust God to do what He says He is going to do!

Prayer: Thank you, God, for sending Jesus so we could have clean hearts that love you! *After prayer, pass out stickers!*

Snack: Talk about trust - we trust mom and dad to keep us safe, feed us, remember to take us to school and church, etc.



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Kinder-1st grade | December 7

OPENING OPTIONS (first 20 minutes)

- Coloring and Table Games
- Peace on Earth Ornaments: Allow kids to color and decorate the ornaments. Talk about how Jesus is our Peace and we can pray for everyone in the world that they would know that He is there Peace too!

LARGE GROUP MESSAGE and WORSHIP

- About 20 minutes into service, we will gather for a large group message and worship. Leave one leader in your room to set out goldfish

SMALL GROUP- Immediately following Large Group Teaching.

- What does the word Advent mean? (It means “coming” or “arrival”—we are getting ready for Jesus.)
- What was last week’s word? And what does it mean? (Hope; trusting that God keeps His promises)
- What does PEACE mean? (Having calm in our hearts, even when things feel crazy.)
- Does peace mean everything around us is perfect? (No! It means we trust God even when things are hard.)
- Isaiah said Jesus would be the Prince of Peace. What do you think that means? (Jesus brings peace wherever He goes / Jesus helps our hearts feel calm.)
- Who visited Mary in Luke 1? (The angel Gabriel.)
- What did the angel tell Mary? (“Do not be afraid.”)
- How did Mary show peace? (She trusted God / She said, “I am the Lord’s servant.”)
- What is something that makes you feel worried or scared? (Possible responses- the dark, being alone, loud noises, tests, etc.)
- What is one way Jesus can give you peace this week? (Pray when we are scared, ask Jesus to help me calm down, be kind even when someone is mean, remember Jesus is always with me)
- Remind kids that Jesus can give you peace when we need it. Pray together and ask Him to help us trust Him especially when we need peace.

CLOSING (optional)

- Each class will have 2-3 prizes (based on size of class). Sit in a circle. Give 2-3 kids the prize. Begin with the left right game. When the word left is read, pass to the left, when the word right is read, pass to the right. The kids with the prizes at the end win them.

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2nd-3rd Grade | December 7

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- Last week we talked about HOPE. How is hope connected to peace? (Hope reminds us God keeps His promises, and when we trust His promises, it helps our hearts feel peace.)
- In your own words, what is peace? (Peace is calm in our hearts—even when life feels stressful, scary, or confusing—because we trust God.)
- Isaiah called Jesus the “Prince of Peace.” What does that title tell us about who Jesus is? (Jesus is the One who brings true peace. He rules with peace, gives peace to our hearts, and helps us trust God.)
- Isaiah gave names for the coming Messiah: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Which one stands out to you and why? (try to get most kids to share)
- How did Mary show peace when the angel appeared in Luke 1? (She trusted God even though she didn’t understand everything and her life was about to change. She said, “I am the Lord’s servant.”)
- Why do you think the angel said, “Do not be afraid”? (Because what was happening was huge, surprising, and possibly scary. God wanted Mary to know He was in control.)
- What are things that take away peace in your life? (Possible answers- School pressure, friends, family stress, fear, worry, feeling left out, big changes, uncertainty.)
- How can trusting Jesus bring peace to you in those moments? (Possible answers- Remembering He’s with me, praying instead of panicking, knowing God has a plan, remembering I don’t have to handle everything alone.)
- What is one way you can choose peace this week? (Possible answers- Pray when I feel overwhelmed, read a Bible verse when I’m stressed, talk kindly instead of reacting angrily take a moment to pause and breathe, ask God to help me trust Him.)
- Pray together and ask God to help us trust Him and have PEACE when we are afraid.

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