

Advent Scripture Reading



Following is a daily scripture reading guide for the Advent Season. We encourage you to find a time each day to sit down and read God's Word and reflect on the Hope, Love, Joy and Peace of Christmas. Then take time to reverently lift up praises and prayers to our Abba Father for His extraordinary love in giving us His Son, Jesus; and Jesus's sacrifice to give us eternity in Heaven.

Week 1: *Hope*

Beginning Nov 27

God sent us Jesus, The Hope of the world to give us salvation from our sins; the best gift ever. As you begin the Christmas season, look for Hope (Jesus) and ways to share The Hope with others.

Day 1: Micah 5:2
Day 2: Isaiah 7:14
Day 3: Matthew 2:10
Day 4: Luke 2:12
Day 5: Matthew 1:21
Day 6: Psalms 130
Day 7: Isaiah 9:7

Week 2: *Love*

Beginning Dec 4

One basic need that we all share as humans is to be loved. By our family. By our friends. How? Unconditionally. What an overwhelming reality, though, to be told in Scripture that you are unconditionally loved by the Creator of the universe! A second need is to have the assurance of where each of us will spend eternity. And, as only God can do, in this same, small verse we are told that because of God's love, He sent Jesus to die for our sins. By trusting in what He did on the cross, we can believe and have the assurance of being a part of God's forever family!

Day 8: Luke 1:28
Day 9: Luke 1:30
Day 10: Luke 1:31-32
Day 11: John 1:14
Day 12: Matthew 1:22-23

Day 13: Luke 2:1-7
Day 14: Matthew 2:1-6

Week 3: *Joy*

Beginning Dec 11

Someone once told me that joy was the feeling of smiling in your tummy. Joy isn't just a smile or something you feel when you hear a funny joke. Joy is a happy feeling that comes from inside of you. People who believe in Jesus experience true joy. Jesus gives joy. Joy is knowing that Jesus loves you and that you can always depend on Him. Jesus has always been and will always be the true Source of joy.

Day 15: Luke 2:1-3
Day 16: Luke 2:4-5
Day 17: Luke 2:6-7
Day 18: Romans 15:13
Day 19: 2 Corinthians 9:15
Day 20: Psalms 100:2
Day 21: Philippians 4:4-5

Week 4: *Peace*

Beginning Dec 18

Peace is the feeling of being safe and secure. True peace is trusting God to take care of your needs in any situation. A long time ago, God blessed the world with peace through the Prince of Peace, Jesus. Jesus allows us to have peace in our lives because He is the Savior of all the world. God, thank You for blessing us with Jesus.

Day 22: Isaiah 9:6
Day 23: Luke 2:8
Day 24: Luke 2:9
Day 25: Luke 2:10
Day 26: Psalm 29:11

CHRISTMAS DAY: *Jesus*

Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough." Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!

LUKE 2:11-14

JESUS IS THE ONLY REASON

Have you ever thought about what Christmas was like 2100 years ago? Probably not, because 2100 years ago, Jesus wasn't born yet. There was no Christmas. Today, remember that we celebrate Christmas because we have a reason to celebrate. We celebrate the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Immanuel—God with us! Don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle that you forget to celebrate Jesus—the only reason for Christmas.