

Week 1 — The Prophecy Candle (Hope)

Family Devotional

Read: Isaiah 9:2–7

Advent is a season of waiting. Before Jesus was born, God’s people waited hundreds of years for the Messiah to come. They lived in what the Bible calls “darkness”—a world where sin, sadness, fear, and death seemed to win.

But God made a promise through the prophet Isaiah:

Jesus is that great light.

Even when the world felt broken, God promised He would send a Savior. And God kept His promise.

Questions to Answer:

1. What kinds of things today feel like “darkness” in the world?
2. How does Jesus bring hope into those places?
3. What happens when we put Hope in the wrong thing?

This candle’s theme is Hope. Hope is not wishing.

What is Hope? Hope is confidence in what God has promised — because God never breaks His word.

Just like God’s people waited for Jesus to come the first time, we wait for Him to come again and make all things new.

Pray together and close with:

Father, thank You for sending Jesus, the Light of the World.
Help us wait with hope, trusting that You always keep Your promises.
Amen.

Say aloud as a family: “Jesus is our Hope.”

WEEK 2 — The Bethlehem Candle (Faith / Preparation)

Family Devotional

Read: Luke 2:1–7; Micah 5:2

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God promised that the Savior would come from a small, ordinary town called Bethlehem.

“Bethlehem... from you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.” — Micah 5:2

Bethlehem wasn't famous or impressive. It was quiet. Small. Ordinary.

But God often works in the places and people the world overlooks.

When Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, it probably didn't feel like an important moment. They were tired, and there was no room for them. Jesus was born in a stable. The King of the universe, in a feeding trough.

Questions to Answer:

1. Why do you think God chose a small town and a simple family for Jesus' birth?
2. What are examples in the Bible of God using ordinary people or things to do the extraordinary?
3. How does God show us what God values?

This candle's theme reminds us that God prepares His promises quietly.

His plan often unfolds slowly.

Faith means trusting God even when we don't see everything yet.

Just like Mary and Joseph prepared a room for Jesus, we prepare our hearts for Him.

Pray and end with:

Lord, help us trust Your plan, even when we can't see it.
Teach us to make room in our hearts and lives for Jesus.
Amen.

Say aloud: “Jesus is our Hope and our Faith.”

WEEK 3 — The Shepherd's Candle (Joy)

Family Devotional

Read: Luke 2:8–14

The first people to hear that Jesus was born were shepherds — ordinary workers sleeping outside in the fields. They weren't rich. They weren't powerful. They weren't important to most people.

But to God, they were.

When the angel appeared, he said:

“I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” (Luke 2:10 CSB)

Jesus came for everyone, not only the famous or the strong.

Joy is not the same as happiness.

Happiness depends on things going well.

Joy comes from knowing Jesus is with us — even when life is hard.

Questions to Answer:

1. What was the happiest moment in your life? What caused it?
2. What is the difference between joy and happiness?
3. Why do you think God chose shepherds to receive the announcement?

Pray and end with:

Lord, thank You that Jesus brings joy that the world cannot take away.
Help us carry that joy to others.
Amen.

Say aloud: “Jesus is our Hope, our Faith, and our Joy.”

WEEK 4 — The Angel's Candle (Peace)

Family Devotional

Read: Isaiah 26:3; Luke 2:13–14

The angels said Jesus came to bring peace — peace with God, peace within ourselves, and peace with others.

But peace does not mean “everything is easy.”

Peace means God is with us, and we trust Him.

The Bible says:

“You will keep the mind that is dependent on You in perfect peace.” (Isaiah 26:3 CSB)

Peace grows as we trust and rest in God.

Questions to Answer:

1. Have you ever experienced the peace of God in your heart?
2. Do you need God's peace right now? Is there anything you are anxious or worried about?
3. What would it look like to trust God with that situation?
4. How does God help us with these situations?

Pray and end with:

Lord, we need Your peace.
Help us trust You more each day.
Amen.

Say aloud: “Jesus is our Hope, our Faith, our Joy, and our Peace.”

✨ CHRISTMAS — The Christ Candle (Light & Salvation)

Family Devotional

Read: John 1:1–5, 14

All Advent we have waited.

Now we celebrate!

Jesus, the Light of the World, has come.

“The light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:5 CSB)

Because Jesus came:

- Sin does not have the final word.
- Death does not have the final word.
- Darkness does not have the final word.

Jesus does.

Questions to Answer:

1. When we shine a flashlight, what happens to the darkness?
2. How is Jesus like the light of a flashlight?
3. Who in our life, can we share the gospel of Jesus Christ to?

Pray together:

Jesus, thank You for coming.
Thank You for being our Savior and King.
We love You.
Amen.