

Family Advent Liturgy 2017



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Candle: The fourth candle is the blue or purple Candle of Peace.

Sing: [“Silent Night”](#)

Reader: We are together today to light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath. But before we do let's re-light the other three candles and remind ourselves of each message.

Child: (Relight first purple/blue candle) On the first Sunday of Advent we lit a candle to remind us to get our hearts ready for the coming of Jesus.

Child: (Relight second blue/purple candle) On the second Sunday we lit the candle of the Way reminding us that Jesus is the Way.

Child: (Relight third 'pink' candle) We lit the third candle to remind us that God brings us joy.

Reader: Today's candle lights up the whole wreath. This candle reminds us of the peace we can only have with God.

Reader: God has given us many gifts. Sometimes we try to count our blessings and the list is always long. But of all His gifts, none is greater than the gift of His Son Jesus. In giving us His Son He gave us Himself.

Child: (Light the fourth candle) I light this candle on the fourth Sunday in Advent to remind us of God's gift of peace.

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-28 (ERV)

The Virgin Mary

26-27 During Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin girl who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary.

28 The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord is with you; you are very special to him."

Read Scripture the first time, then ask:
What word or sentence stands out to you?
(allow responses)

Read Scripture a second time, then ask:
What do you hear Jesus/God saying to you in this story? (allow responses)

Read Scripture a third time, then ask:
What do you think the Holy Spirit is asking you/us to do in this story? (allow responses)

Prayer time: Ask Jesus to be the Prince of Peace in our lives. Thank God for being able to trust Him and be at peace that we are in God's hands.

