

Christmas Eve - SALVATION

Tomorrow is the day that we have been Hoping and waiting for! It is a day of Joy when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Jesus came to bring us Peace and show us how to be saved... through faith in Him. We have all sinned, and that sin keeps us from knowing the perfect God who created us. When we have faith that Jesus came as a perfect baby to give himself to save us from our sins, we are saved! God Loves us so much. This is good news for people everywhere.

Read the following verses together:

Psalm 148:13-14 Luke 2:16-17 Matthew 5:14-16

What a miraculous night! God's promised Savior finally arrived. The true Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. The Prince who brings Peace was born. Angels praised God and spread the good news to nearby shepherds, who hurried off to see the baby and returned praising God.

God reached out to us by sending Jesus to show us the way. We can see the beauty of our God through Jesus. He is the Light of the world, and His light brings us life... eternal life with God. This Christmas baby grew up to save us from our sins. This evening, give thanks for the Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Salvation that God gives us. Remember these gifts as you celebrate Jesus' birthday! As you light the center white candle, reflect on how Jesus is the Light of the world. You are a reflection of His light. On this Christmas Eve, we celebrate by lighting this last candle and listening to Jesus' words in the Bible, so that we can let our light shine for others to see. Merry Christmas!

PRAYER TIME

Pray to God with praises and thanksgiving! Tell Him how thankful you are that He gave us Jesus. Ask God what your next step is to knowing Jesus more.

ACTIVITY

Parents, as you gather around the advent wreath for the last time this season, take some time to talk about how you decided to trust Jesus for the first time. Sharing your own personal testimony of what Jesus means to you and what following Him looks like will allow your child to see that faith is personal. This may even spark conversations for them asking more questions about what it means to follow Jesus. Follow the Holy Spirit's prompting and lean into these conversations with your family.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

HARRISON LN	1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00P
ROANE COUNTY	1:30, 3:00, 4:30P
BEARDEN	3:00, 4:30P

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Advent is a time we look ahead to Christmas Day when we celebrate the day Jesus was born. It has been celebrated by many Christians all over the world for hundreds of years. The word "Advent" comes from a Latin word that means "arrival." This is a season of anticipation as we wait for the day that we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Use this guide each week as an outline for your family to actively engage in advent together.



Scan this QR Code to find a Spotify playlist with each song listed in this guide.

Scan this QR Code, or visit 2RC.tv/LivingAdvent, to find a video guide for the activity each week.



Week 1: HOPE

Sing Together:
Silent Night
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

PRAYER TIME

Pray that the Lord will help you focus on Jesus this Christmas season and give you all opportunities to share the Hope that Jesus brings. You can pray aloud, pray silently or take some time to journal (write or draw) your prayers.

Reflective Listening: Hope has a Name- River Valley Worship

ACTIVITY

Write everyone's names on scraps of paper and place them in a bag. Have each person draw a name from the bag. Keep the name you draw a secret. Sometime this week, write a letter to the person you picked saying one thing you are thankful for about that person. Think about how you are anticipating and looking forward to your letter just like we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus during advent.

Week 2: PEACE

Sing Together:
What Child Is This
O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYER TIME

Ask God to show you the truth of His love so that you can experience the Peace of knowing Him. Take a few minutes to journal your thoughts and prayers.

Reflective Listening: Peace Be Still- The Belonging Co.

ACTIVITY

Gather some Post-it notes and take turns writing words on individual notes to describe Advent. Stick them to a wall where everyone can see them. Each evening this week, turn out the lights and look at your words using a flashlight to light up the darkness. Talk about how you have been experiencing the words throughout the week. Christmas will be here soon! Let the flashlight remind you how Jesus is the light of the world. His light reveals what is true and brings us Peace.

Sing Together:
The First Noel
Hark The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER TIME

Pray together and thank God for some specific things that bring you joy, especially His son, Jesus. Continue to journal and pray as you think about the Joy we celebrate because God sent his Son, Jesus, into this world at Christmas!

Reflective Listening: Joy to the World- Phil Wickman

ACTIVITY

Pick a household object that gives you joy. Maybe it is a favorite toy or something that reminds you of a time of celebration. Take turns hiding it every morning this week and help each other find it throughout the day. At the end of every day, put it somewhere where everyone can see it. Whenever you look at it, think about how the prophets eagerly awaited the birth of their savior, and how the angels told the shepherds of the good news of Jesus' birth.

Sing Together:
Away in a Manger
O Come All Ye Faithful

PRAYER TIME

Spend some time in prayer to think about how amazing God's love is. God loved us so much that He sent His Son to save us from our sins. Pray together out loud or to yourself as you think about the ways God shows us his love every day. Continue journaling your thoughts and prayers with words or with visual drawings.

Reflective Listening: Reckless Love- Cory Asbury

ACTIVITY

God gave us His grace and love by sending His Son to forgive our sins. It was because of His love, it was not because we did anything to earn it. Every evening this week, share with each other how you experienced God's grace and love that day. Did you receive any surprise blessings? Any good things you didn't expect? Or maybe someone forgave you when you did something wrong?

Week 3: JOY

Week 4: LOVE