

STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-3)

4-WEEK ADVENT CURRICULUM

TEACHER'S GUIDE

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FOUR WEEK ADVENT CURRICULUM TEACHERS' GUIDE

This Anglican Advent lesson supports teachers in guiding students in **Grades K–3** through the sacred season of **Advent**, a time of preparation, hope, and watchful expectation as we await the coming of Christ.

Advent invites us to slow down, to watch and pray, and to reflect on God's promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It is a season marked by longing, repentance, and hope—looking back to Christ's first coming at Bethlehem and forward to His promised return.

This curriculum offers a simple but rich structure for presenting the themes of Advent with clarity, reverence, and meaningful engagement. Lessons are **Scripture-centered (NKJV)**, easy to adapt for mixed-age classrooms, and designed to help students understand both the biblical foundations of Advent and its place within the Anglican tradition.

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER GUIDE – K–3

Class length: 35–40 minutes

THEMES: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE

Bible-first language: Every week begins with “This true story comes from the Bible” and ends with “This story is true because it is in the Bible.”

What's Included:

- Story summary for teacher presentation (created from NKJV of the Bible)
- Discussion questions for Grades K-1 and Grades 2-3
- Optional crafts with complete instructions

Teaching Notes:

- Begin with the **Opening Routine** found at the front of the curriculum.
- Guide students to reflect on the themes of **hope, peace, joy, love, repentance, and watchfulness** throughout the season.
- Encourage reverence, thoughtful discussion, and active participation.
- Close each class with prayer and a review.

Advent is a season of preparation and promise. As you teach, invite students to consider how God prepares our hearts to receive Christ and how we are called to live as people of

hope while we wait for Him. May these lessons deepen their faith and draw them into the beauty and meaning of the Advent season.

WEEKLY CLASS STRUCTURE (30–40 MINUTES)

1. Opening Routine (5 minutes)

Pledge of Allegiance

The Lord's Prayer

Opening Prayer (short)

Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us learn about Jesus today. Open our hearts and help us grow. Amen.

2. Candle Lighting (3 minutes)

3. Bible Story with visual support (8–10 minutes)

4. Craft Activity (choose ONE) (15–18 minutes)

5. Reinforcement Activity (3–5 minutes)

6. Closing Prayer (2 minutes)

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Before teaching the week's lesson, Teachers need to read the Lesson Scripture so that they can tell the story and lead the discussion. Use an NKJV bible or the same bible version used in class.

OPENING ROUTINE

1. ****Pledge of Allegiance****

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

2. ****The Lord's Prayer (Anglican Version) ****

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

3. ****Opening Prayer (Anglican)****

Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us learn about Jesus today. Open our hearts and help us grow. Amen

CLOSING ROUTINE

1. ****Have students clean up all projects and put everything away.**

2. ****Closing Prayer (Anglican)**

Included at the end of each lesson.

ADVENT OVERVIEW

Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation for the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth. It is marked by the lighting of candles, prayer, scripture reading, and reflection on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen symbolizing eternal life. The candles represent the light of Christ coming into the world.

- 3 Purple Candles: Hope, Peace, and Love
- 1 Pink Candle: Joy
- 1 White Candle (optional for Christmas Eve/Day): Christ Candle

Purple represents repentance and preparation. Pink represents rejoicing. The vestments during Advent are purple, signifying the penitential and expectant nature of the season.

STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO (RECOMMENDED)

Kindergarten–1st Grade: 1 adult per 4–5 students

2nd–3rd Grade: 1 adult per 6–8 students

For crafts involving cutting, stapling, rice/eggs, or multiple steps, add one extra helper if possible.

GENERAL TEACHING NOTES FOR K–1 AND 2–3

K–1 (Younger)

Keep directions one step at a time.

- Use lots of repetition and call-and-response.
- Pre-cut everything possible.
- Shorten the discussion to 1–2 questions.

2–3 (Older)

- Allow children to read short phrases (one sentence) if able.
- Invite them to “help teach” by holding flannel pieces.
- Let them write the theme word (Hope/Peace/Joy/Love) themselves.
- Ask 2–3 discussion questions and allow brief sharing.

FLANNEL BOARD / MAGNETIC BOARD GUIDANCE (ALL WEEKS)

- Keep pieces in a labeled bag per week.
- Place pieces in the order you will use them.
- Limit to 4–6 pieces to avoid losing time.
- Always place the “Bible” or “scroll” piece first (if you have one) to reinforce that this comes from Scripture.

WEEK 1 – HOPE

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 7:14; ISAIAH 9:6

THEME FOCUS: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

OPENING ROUTINE

CANDLE LIGHTING (WEEK 1)

Say: "This true story comes from the Bible, from the book of Isaiah."

Light one purple candle.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for keeping Your promises. Help us wait with hope. Amen.

FLANNEL/MAGNETIC PIECES (SUGGESTED)

Bible

Isaiah (prophet)

Star

Small crowd/family

FULL STORY SCRIPT (8–10 MINUTES)

Hold up your Bible.

"This is the Bible. The Bible is God's true Word. Today's true story comes from the book of Isaiah."

Long, long before Jesus was born, God spoke to His people through a prophet named Isaiah.

Can you say **Isaiah**?

(Children repeat.)

A prophet is someone who listens to God and tells people what God says.

Isaiah listened carefully to God, and God gave him a very important message.

The people of Israel were having a difficult time. Some were afraid. Some were sad. Some wondered if God remembered them.

Have you ever had to wait for something?

Maybe you waited for your birthday.

Maybe you waited for Christmas morning.

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Maybe you waited for a special trip, a visit from family, or a fun surprise.

Waiting can feel very long, can't it?

Well, God's people had been waiting too.

They were waiting for God to help them.

They were waiting for God to save them.

And God sent Isaiah to tell them:

"Do not be afraid. God has not forgotten you."

Isaiah told the people that one day God would send a very special Child.

Not just any child.

This Child would be the Savior.

This Child would bring light to people living in darkness.

This Child would bring hope to people who were afraid.

This Child would bring God's love to the whole world.

Isaiah told the people that God keeps His promises.

Now, did Jesus come right away?

No.

The people had to wait.

And wait.

And wait.

They waited through hot summers.

They waited through cold winters.

They waited through good days and hard days.

Some people probably wondered, "When will God keep His promise?"

Some people may have felt impatient.

Some may have felt discouraged.

But God had not forgotten them.

Every day, God was working out His plan.

Even when they could not see it.

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Even when it seemed like nothing was happening.

God was preparing the world for Jesus.

Sometimes we feel that way too.

Maybe we pray for something and don't see an answer right away.

Maybe we are waiting for a special day to come.

Maybe we are waiting for God to help us with something difficult.

When we wait, we can remember what Isaiah taught God's people:

God keeps His promises.

Let's say that together.

God keeps His promises.

Again!

God keeps His promises.

Years passed.

Then more years passed.

And even more years passed.

But God never forgot His promise.

At just the right time, God sent an angel named Gabriel to visit a young woman named Mary.

Soon, the promise Isaiah spoke about long ago began to come true.

Jesus was coming!

The Savior was on His way!

And when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God showed everyone that He always keeps His promises.

Everything Isaiah had told the people was true.

Jesus came just like God said He would.

That is why Advent is a season of waiting.

During Advent, we remember how God's people waited for Jesus.

And we remember that we are still waiting for Jesus to come again one day.

While we wait, we trust God.

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While we wait, we follow Jesus.

While we wait, we remember:

God keeps His promises.

Can you say it one more time?

God keeps His promises!

This story is true because it comes from God's true Word, the Bible.

DISCUSSION (CHOOSE 1–2 FOR K–1; 2–3 CAN DO 2–3)

- What does it feel like to wait for something?
- What is a promise?
- Can we trust God to keep His promises?

CRAFT OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE – 15–18 MINUTES)

Craft 1: Promise Star Ornament

Materials

Yellow cardstock stars (pre-cut; one per child)

Markers/crayons

Hole punch

Yarn/string (8–10 inches per child)

Optional: star stickers

Prep

Pre-cut stars for all grades.

Pre-punch holes for K–1 if time is tight.

Steps

1. Give each child a star.
2. Have them write (or you write) the large word HOPE at the top.
3. Under HOPE, write: “God keeps His promises.”
4. Decorate star (patterns, dots, stripes).
5. Punch a hole at the top (teacher for K–1).
6. Thread the yarn and tie a loop.
7. Close by holding stars up together and repeating: “God keeps His promises.”

K–1 adaptation

The teacher writes the sentence; the child colors and decorates.

2–3 adaptation

The child writes HOPE and copies a sentence from the board.

Craft 2: Isaiah Scroll

Materials

Brown paper rectangles (approx. 4x10 inches)

Two popsicle sticks per child

Tape (masking works well)

Markers

String/ribbon

Prep

Pre-cut paper for all.

If time is short, tape one stick on for K-1 in advance.

Steps

1. Give each child a rectangle of brown paper.
2. Write: "A Child is born" or "Jesus is coming" (simple phrase).
3. Decorate edges (dots/lines like an old scroll).
4. Tape one popsicle stick to the top edge, one to the bottom edge.
5. Roll the scroll from bottom to top.
6. Tie with a string.
7. Optional quick "prophet moment": each child stands and says, "Jesus is coming!"

K-1 adaptation

Teacher tapes sticks; child decorates.

2-3 adaptation

The child tapes and writes the phrase independently.

Craft 3: Hope Lantern (Paper Cup)

Materials

White paper cups

Yellow tissue paper squares (1-2-inch squares)

Glue stick (or double-sided tape)

Star stickers

Optional: battery tea light

Prep

Pre-cut tissue squares.

If using tea lights, distribute only at the end and collect them back.

Steps

1. Write HOPE on the cup.
2. Glue yellow tissue squares around the cup.
3. Add star stickers.

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4. Optional: place battery tea light under cup to show “light of hope.”
5. Say together: “Jesus is our hope.”

K–1 adaptation

Use fewer tissue squares.

2–3 adaptation

Let them create a simple pattern.

Craft 4: Class Poster – God Keeps His Promises

Materials

Poster board or large paper

Markers/crayons

Star stickers (optional)

Prep

Write the title faintly: “God Keeps His Promises.”

Steps

1. Have children take turns coloring a section.
2. Add stars around the border.
3. Display in the classroom for the season.

REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY (3–5 MINUTES)

Waiting Walk

Have children walk slowly in a circle while you say:

“We wait... we wait... we hope... God keeps His promises.”

Then stop and say together: “*God keeps His promises.*”

CLOSING ROUTINE

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for keeping Your promises.

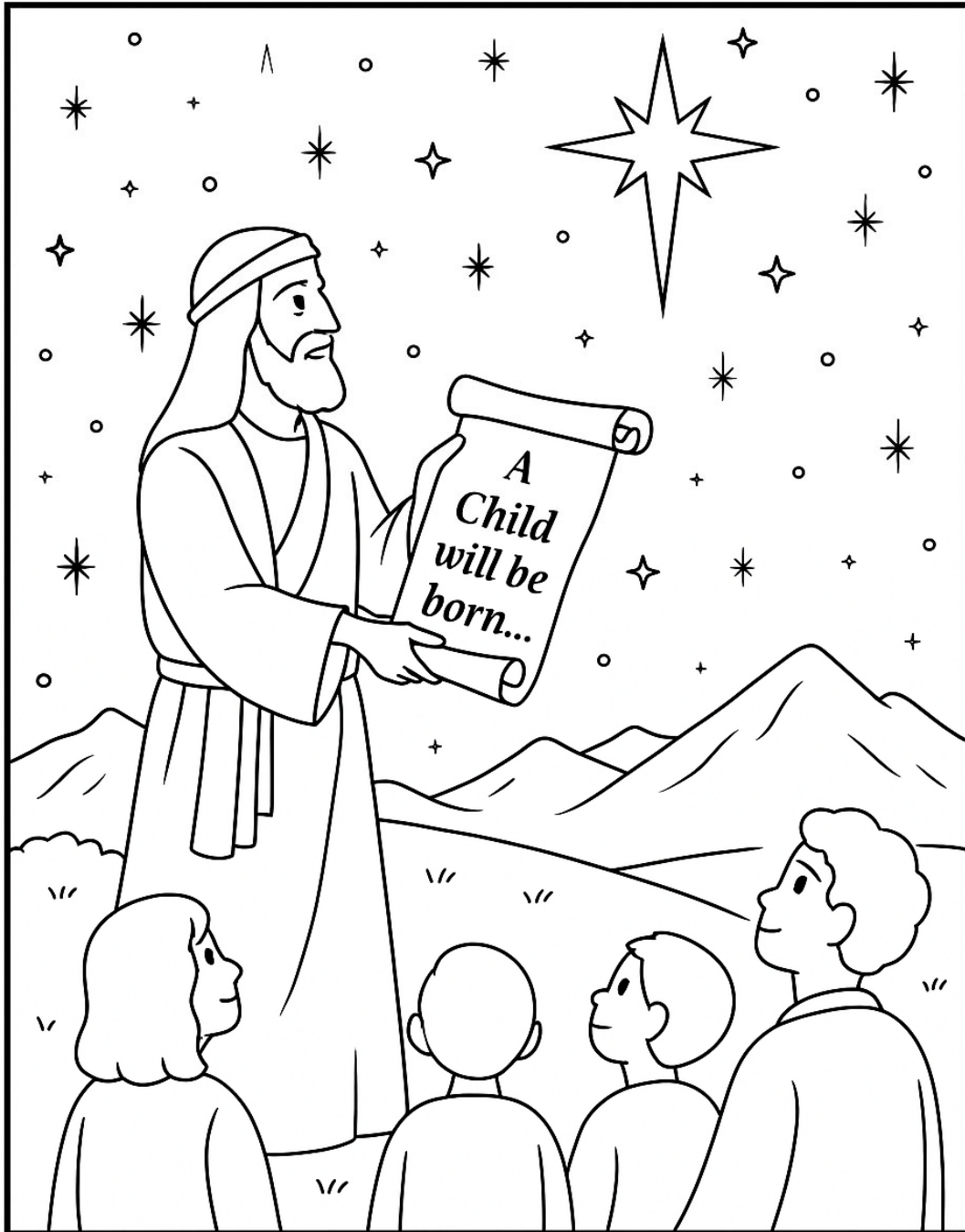
Help us wait with hope.

We trust You.

Amen.

COLORING PAGE

HOPE



WEEK 2 – PEACE

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:26–38

THEME FOCUS: DO NOT BE AFRAID. GOD BRINGS PEACE.

OPENING ROUTINE

CANDLE LIGHTING (WEEK 2)

Say: “This true story comes from the Bible, from the book of Luke.”

Light two purple candles.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Your peace. Help us trust You as Mary did. Amen.

FLANNEL/MAGNETIC PIECES

Mary

Angel Gabriel

FULL STORY SCRIPT

Hold the Bible.

"This is God's Word. Today's true story comes from the book of Luke."

Last week, we learned that God's people waited a long time for the Savior God promised.

God always keeps His promises.

And now, the time had almost come for Jesus to be born.

Far away in a town called Nazareth lived a young woman named Mary.

Can you say **Mary**?

(Children repeat.)

Mary loved God.

She prayed to God.

She trusted God.

One day, while Mary was going about her day, something very surprising happened.

Suddenly, an angel appeared!

This wasn't just any angel.

His name was Gabriel.

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Can you say **Gabriel**?

(Children repeat.)

Now imagine you are at home helping your family, playing with toys, or eating lunch.

And suddenly an angel appeared in your room!

How would you feel?

Happy?

Surprised?

Excited?

Maybe a little scared?

The Bible tells us that Mary was troubled and afraid.

Most people would be!

But Gabriel had good news from God.

The angel said,

"Do not be afraid, Mary."

Let's say that together:

"Do not be afraid, Mary."

The angel wanted Mary to know that God was with her.

Then Gabriel told Mary something amazing.

He said that God had chosen her for a very special job.

Mary would become the mother of Jesus.

God's promised Savior was coming.

The promise Isaiah spoke about long ago was finally beginning to happen.

Mary had never heard anything like this before.

She probably had many questions.

She may have wondered how everything would happen.

She may have felt nervous.

Have you ever felt nervous about something new?

Maybe the first day of school.

Maybe meeting new friends.

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Maybe trying something you had never done before.

Sometimes new things can feel a little scary.

Mary may have felt that way too.

But Gabriel reminded her that God was with her.

The angel told her,

"Nothing will be impossible with God."

God would help her.

God would guide her.

God would be with her every step of the way.

Then Mary made an important choice.

She chose to trust God.

She said yes to God's plan.

Mary answered,

"Let it be to me according to your word."

That means she trusted God even when she didn't understand everything.

Mary knew that God is faithful.

Mary knew that God keeps His promises.

Mary knew that God would take care of her.

Because Mary trusted God, she was able to have peace.

Now, peace doesn't mean nothing difficult ever happens.

Peace doesn't mean we never feel nervous.

Peace doesn't mean we never have questions.

Peace means we know God is with us.

Peace means we trust God to help us.

Peace means remembering that God loves us and cares for us.

During Advent, we remember Mary's trust.

We remember how she said yes to God.

And we remember that God can give us peace too.

When we feel afraid, God is with us.

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When we feel nervous, God is with us.

When we don't know what will happen next, God is with us.

Let's say together:

God is with me.

Again:

God is with me.

One more time:

God is with me.

Mary trusted God.

Mary had peace.

And soon, God's promise of Jesus would arrive.

This story is true because it comes from God's true Word, the Bible

DISCUSSION

What kinds of things make you feel afraid?

- What helps you feel calm?
- What did Mary do when she felt afraid?

CRAFT OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE – 15–18 MINUTES)

Craft 1: Angel Plate

Materials

Paper plate (one per child)

White paper wings (pre-cut)

Glue stick

Markers/crayons

Optional: pipe cleaner halo (teacher bends)

Prep

Pre-cut wings; pre-bend halos if using.

Steps

1. Fold the plate in half (body).
2. Glue wings to the back.
3. Draw an angel face on the front.

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4. Write PEACE on the plate.
5. Optional: tape halo to top.
6. Hold up angels and say: "Do not be afraid."

K-1 adaptation

Teacher glues wings; child draws.

2-3 adaptation

Child glues and writes.

Craft 2: Handprint Dove

Materials

White paper

Pencils

Scissors

Markers

Prep

For K-1, trace hands ahead if possible.

Steps

1. Trace the child's hand.
2. Cut out handprint.
3. Turn sideways so the thumb looks like a wing.
4. Add an eye and a beak.
5. Write PEACE and "Do not be afraid."
6. Optional: glue onto blue background.

K-1 adaptation

Adult cuts.

2-3 adaptation

Child cuts and adds details.

Craft 3: Peace Prayer Card

Materials

Cardstock folded in half

Markers/crayons

Stickers

Steps

1. On front: write PEACE.
2. Inside: "Dear Jesus, help me trust You."
3. Decorate.
4. Encourage giving to someone who needs peace.

Craft 4: Mini Paper Advent Wreath

Materials

Green paper (wreath ring pre-cut)

Small rectangles for candles (2 purple + 1 pink + 1 white drawn or glued)

Glue stick

Crayons

Steps

1. Color wreath.
2. Glue candles on top.
3. Color “flames” (yellow/orange).
4. Label one candle PEACE (or simply write PEACE on wreath).

REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Peace Breath

Teach: “Smell the flower... blow the candle.”

- Inhale slowly (smell flower), exhale slowly (blow candle) 3 times.
- Then whisper together: “Do not be afraid.”

CLOSING ROUTINE

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for Your peace. Help us trust You as Mary did. Amen.

COLORING PAGE



WEEK 3 – JOY

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:8–14

THEME FOCUS: GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY.

OPENING ROUTINE

CANDLE LIGHTING (WEEK 3)

Say: "This true story comes from the Bible, from the book of Luke."

Light two purple candles and one pink candle.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for the joy Jesus brings. Amen.

FLANNEL/MAGNETIC PIECES

Shepherd

Sheep

Angel

Star

FULL STORY SCRIPT

Hold the Bible.

ADVENT K-3 SCRIPT – WEEK 3: THE SHEPHERDS HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

Theme: Joy

(Hold up your Bible.)

"This is God's Word. Today's true story comes from the Bible, from the book of Luke."

For many years, God's people waited for the Savior God promised.

Then Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

But who would hear the good news first?

Would it be kings?

Would it be rich people?

Would it be famous people?

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No.

God chose shepherds.

Can you say **shepherds**?

(Children repeat.)

Shepherds took care of sheep.

Every day they led sheep to food and water.

Every night they watched over them and kept them safe.

One night, some shepherds were outside in the fields.

The sky was dark.

The stars were shining.

The sheep were resting quietly.

Everything was calm and peaceful.

The shepherds probably thought it would be an ordinary night.

But God had something amazing planned.

Suddenly, a bright light filled the sky!

A beautiful angel appeared before them.

Can you imagine seeing an angel in the middle of the night?

How do you think the shepherds felt?

Surprised?

Shocked?

Scared?

The Bible tells us they were very afraid.

But the angel spoke to them and said:

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"Do not be afraid."

Let's say that together:

"Do not be afraid."

The angel had wonderful news.

He said:

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people."

Good news!

Great joy!

The angel continued:

"Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord."

The Savior God promised had finally come.

Jesus was born!

The angel even told the shepherds where to find Him.

They would find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Then something even more amazing happened.

Suddenly, the sky filled with many angels.

Not just one angel.

A whole heavenly army of angels!

They praised God and sang:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Can you imagine hearing hundreds and hundreds of angels singing?

The shepherds listened in amazement.

What a wonderful sound that must have been!

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Then the angels returned to heaven.

The night became quiet again.

The shepherds looked at one another.

What do you think they did next?

Did they go back to sleep?

No!

Did they stay with their sheep?

No!

They hurried to Bethlehem.

They wanted to see Jesus for themselves.

The shepherds went as quickly as they could.

When they arrived, they found Mary and Joseph.

And there, just as the angel had said, was baby Jesus.

The shepherds were filled with joy.

Everything the angel told them was true.

God had sent the Savior.

After seeing Jesus, the shepherds couldn't keep the good news to themselves.

They told other people what they had seen and heard.

Everywhere they went they shared the wonderful news about Jesus.

The shepherds praised God and thanked Him for His amazing gift.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the best news ever.

Jesus came because God loves us.

Jesus came to save us.

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Jesus came to bring joy to the world.

Joy is more than being happy for a little while.

Joy is knowing that God loves us.

Joy is knowing that Jesus came for us.

Joy is knowing that God keeps His promises.

Let's say together:

Jesus is the best news ever!

Again:

Jesus is the best news ever!

One more time:

Jesus is the best news ever!

The shepherds heard the good news.

The shepherds saw Jesus.

And they went away filled with joy.

This story is true because it comes from God's true Word, the Bible.

DISCUSSION

- What is good news?
- What makes you feel joyful?
- Why is Jesus' birth good news for everyone?

CRAFT OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE – 15–18 MINUTES)

Craft 1: Shepherd Night Scene

Materials

Blue paper
Cotton balls
Glue stick
Star sticker
Crayons

Steps

1. Draw hills.
2. Glue cotton sheep.
3. Add a star.
4. Write JOY.
5. Optional: draw shepherd.

Craft 2: Joy Shaker

Materials

Plastic eggs
Rice
Tape
Stickers/markers
Prep
Pre-measure rice into small cups.

Steps

1. Put a small spoon of rice into the egg.
2. Close egg.
3. Tape the seam all around.
4. Decorate and write JOY.
5. Use during a short song.

Craft 3: Star Crown

Materials

Paper strips (pre-cut)
Star cutouts
Stapler (teacher)

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Glue stick

Crayons

Steps

1. Measure a strip around the head.
2. Teacher staples into a band.
3. Child glues stars.
4. Write JOY on the front star.

Craft 4: Good News Mini Book

Materials

3 sheets of white paper (8.5x11)

Stapler (teacher use only)

Crayons or markers

Optional: star stickers

Prep Before Class

1. Stack 3 sheets per child.
2. Fold each stack in half like a book (hamburger fold).
3. Teacher staples along folded edge (2 staples).
4. Pre-write page labels lightly in pencil for Kindergarten if needed.

You now have a 6-page booklet (front cover + 5 inside pages). For this craft, we will use:

Front Cover

Page 1 (inside left)

Page 2 (inside right)

Page 3 (next left)

Back page optional for extra drawing

Say:

“Today we are making a book to tell the good news from the Bible.”

Have students write on the cover:

Title: Good News!

(Older students can add: Luke 2:10)

Allow them to decorate the cover with stars.

Steps

Pages

- 1: Draw an Angel - Write “Do not be afraid.”
- 2: Draw Shepherds – Write “The shepherds were watching their sheep at night”.
- 3: Draw Baby Jesus – Write “Jesus was born.”

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Age Adaptation

Kindergarten–1st Grade

- Pre-fold and staple books.
- Pre-write page prompts in pencil.
- Keep writing to 1–2 words only.
- Emphasize drawing.

2nd–3rd Grade

- Let students write short sentences.
- Encourage sequencing words: First... Then... Finally...
- Invite one or two to read their books aloud.

REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Great Joy Echo

- Teacher says: “Great joy!” Children repeat.
- Do it loud, soft, whisper, “angel voice.”

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for the joy Jesus brings. Amen.

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WEEK 4 – LOVE

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:1–7; JOHN 3:16

THEME FOCUS: GOD SENT JESUS BECAUSE HE LOVES US.

OPENING ROUTINE

CANDLE LIGHTING (WEEK 4)

Say: "This true story comes from the Bible."

Light all candles.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus. Amen.

FLANNEL/MAGNETIC PIECES

Mary

Joseph

Baby Jesus

Star

FULL STORY SCRIPT

Hold the Bible.

"This is God's Word. Today's true story comes from the Bible, from the Gospel of Matthew."

Jesus had been born in Bethlehem.

Mary and Joseph cared for Him.

Far away, in another land, some wise men saw something unusual in the sky.

Can you say **wise men**?

(Children repeat.)

The wise men studied the stars.

They learned about God's promises.

One night they noticed a very special star.

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This wasn't an ordinary star.

God had placed it in the sky to announce the birth of Jesus, the King.

When the wise men saw the star, they knew something important had happened.

A new King had come.

So they decided to go find Him.

Now, the wise men did not live nearby.

They had a very long journey ahead of them.

They traveled across deserts and hills.

They traveled through hot days and cold nights.

They traveled for many weeks and perhaps even months.

That was a lot of traveling!

Have you ever gone on a long trip?

Maybe you traveled in a car.

Maybe on an airplane.

Maybe to visit family.

Long trips can be exciting, but they can also be tiring.

The wise men kept going because they wanted to find Jesus.

The star guided them.

Night after night, they followed where God was leading them.

Finally, the star stopped over the place where Jesus was.

When the wise men saw that the star had stopped, they were filled with joy.

They had found Him!

The wise men entered and saw Jesus with His mother Mary.

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They bowed down before Him.

They worshiped Him.

Then they gave Him special gifts.

Do you know what the gifts were?

Gold.

Frankincense.

And myrrh.

These were valuable gifts fit for a king.

The wise men gave their gifts because they loved and honored Jesus.

Now, Jesus didn't need fancy gifts.

The most important thing the wise men gave was their worship.

They came to show Jesus their love.

The Bible teaches us that God loved us first.

In fact, the reason Jesus came into the world is because God loves us.

Can you say that with me?

God loves us.

Again:

God loves us.

One more time:

God loves us.

The wise men traveled a long way because Jesus is worth seeking.

And God sent Jesus because He loves people everywhere.

Not just one family.

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Not just one town.

Not just one country.

God's love is for the whole world.

That means God loves you.

God knows your name.

God hears your prayers.

God cares about you.

During Advent, we remember God's great love.

We remember that Jesus came because God loves us.

And we can show our love for Jesus by following Him, worshiping Him, and obeying Him.

Let's say together one last time:

God loves us.

The wise men followed the star.

They found Jesus.

They worshiped Him with love.

And we can love Him too.

This story is true because it comes from God's true Word, the Bible.

DISCUSSION

Who loves you?

- How do you show love?
- What is a loving thing you can do this week?

CRAFT OPTIONS (CHOOSE ONE – 15–18 MINUTES)

Craft 1: Heart Nativity

Materials

Red heart cutout
Baby Jesus cutout
Glue stick
Gold star sticker
Crayons

Steps

1. Glue baby Jesus in the center.
2. Add a star.
3. Write LOVE.
4. Decorate border.

Craft 2: Love Chain

Materials

Paper strips (pre-cut)
Stapler/tape
Markers

Steps

1. Each child draws or writes one loving action.
2. Teacher staples into the chain.
3. Hang in the classroom.

Craft 3: Paper Manger Craft

Materials

Brown stable shape (template)
Straw/yellow paper strips
Baby Jesus cutout
Glue stick

Steps

1. Glue straw “hay.”
2. Glue baby Jesus.
3. Write LOVE.

Craft 4: Christmas Blessing Card

Materials

Cardstock

Markers/stickers

Steps

1. Front: "Jesus is Love."
2. Inside: "Merry Christmas. God loves you."
3. Decorate.

REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Love Actions

Call out actions:

- "Kind words" (hands to mouth)
- "Helping hands" (pretend sweep)
- "Sharing" (open hands)

CLOSING ROUTINE

CLOSING PRAYER:

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♥ LOVE:
Jesus is Born in Bethlehem

