



Advent Week 4: LOVE

Participate in these daily activities by yourself, with your family, with a friend. We pray that as we explore this week's gift of Peace our hearts would be preparing for the fullness of Christ's coming.

Sunday, December 20

Dig Deeper on this morning's Candle Lighting

Read: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Share: Share a time when you felt the love of the Lord, as experienced through His church, or some other way.

Pray: Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Love: Since the beginning we have been deeply loved by the Creator of all things and asked to love one another as He has loved us.

Monday, December 21

Memory Verse

Work on memorizing all or part of these verses today and this week.

Mark 12:31

"The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Leveled options:

- For a change of vocabulary that might be easier for kids to understand, your whole family can focus on memorizing this verse from the New International Version (NIV).
- To shorten this scripture for little ones to memorize, focus on the first section of the verse and have them say "Love your neighbor as yourself".

Tuesday, December 22

Prayer Activity

Read through this prayer from this morning's Daily Prayer, and then build on it and make it personal to you or your family.

Luke 6:35

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil."

"Jesus, how did you do this? You went to the cross for those very people who nailed you there. You loved them even as they murdered you. You love those who persecute and sin against you. How can I love as you love? How can I love even my enemies? Surely it is only through your transformation of my heart. Make me new and help me to love as you love. Amen."

(A prayerful Advent reflection of Love on Luke 6:35)

Wednesday, December 23

Generosity Activity: Love

Love - This one is both the easiest and the hardest simply because it will take some more thought and possibly knowledge of the ones you are showing generosity to.

Ideas for this week:

- Surprise someone with their favorite treat on their doorstep (cookies? Flowers?).
- Figure out what a family members least favorite chore is and do it for them.
- Put together a small gift for someone and leave it for them to find - UPS/FedEx/Mail carrier, teacher, or a stranger.
- Play family hot seat and take turns sharing things you love about each person.

Thursday, December 24

Theme Activity: Love

Send a message of love to someone: As a family, you can go around the room and name one thing that you love about each person and say it out loud. If you want to challenge yourselves to spread that love further, send messages of love out to people you know via messages or cards. Remind them of the immense love that God has for them.

Friday, December 25

Celebration

Celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!