

Christmas Day Reading

Today is Christmas. The day we have waited for and prepared for is finally here!

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

As we waited for this day we lit four candles.

The first candle we lit was the candle of hope. *(Light the first purple candle.)*

The second time we lit the candle of love. *(Light the second purple candle.)*

The third time we lit the candle of Joy. *(Light the pink candle.)*

The fourth candle we lit was the candle of peace. *(Light the fourth purple candle.)*

Today, on Christmas, we also light the center white candle. This candle represents Jesus. When we light this candle, we remember Jesus' birth. Our waiting has ended.
(Light the center white candle.)

Luke 2:11: "The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

All Sing: *Silent Night* or listen: <https://youtu.be/jq7pDjwhNDI>

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

When we look at the center candle, we remember that Jesus is the light of the world.

John 8:12: "Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't

have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

God sent Jesus to give hope, peace, joy, and love to all people.

Far away from Bethlehem, wise men saw a star in the sky. They remind us that the gift of Jesus was not just for the people in one place, but for all people.

Matthew 2:1-2: “Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him.’”

Matthew 2:10-11: “When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

God used a star to guide the wise men to Jesus.

God has guided us to the true meaning of Christmas during advent. God has come into the world in Jesus Christ to be with us so that we will experience God’s hope, joy, love, and peace.

(Prayer): Thank you, God, for your son, Jesus. Thank you for sending Jesus for all people. On this Christmas Day, help us remember and rejoice again because Jesus was born. Help us live every day remembering your love and care and showing that love and care to others. AMEN

Family Discussion:

What are our hopes on this Christmas Day for our world?

How can we help people remember God's promises after Christmas Day is over?